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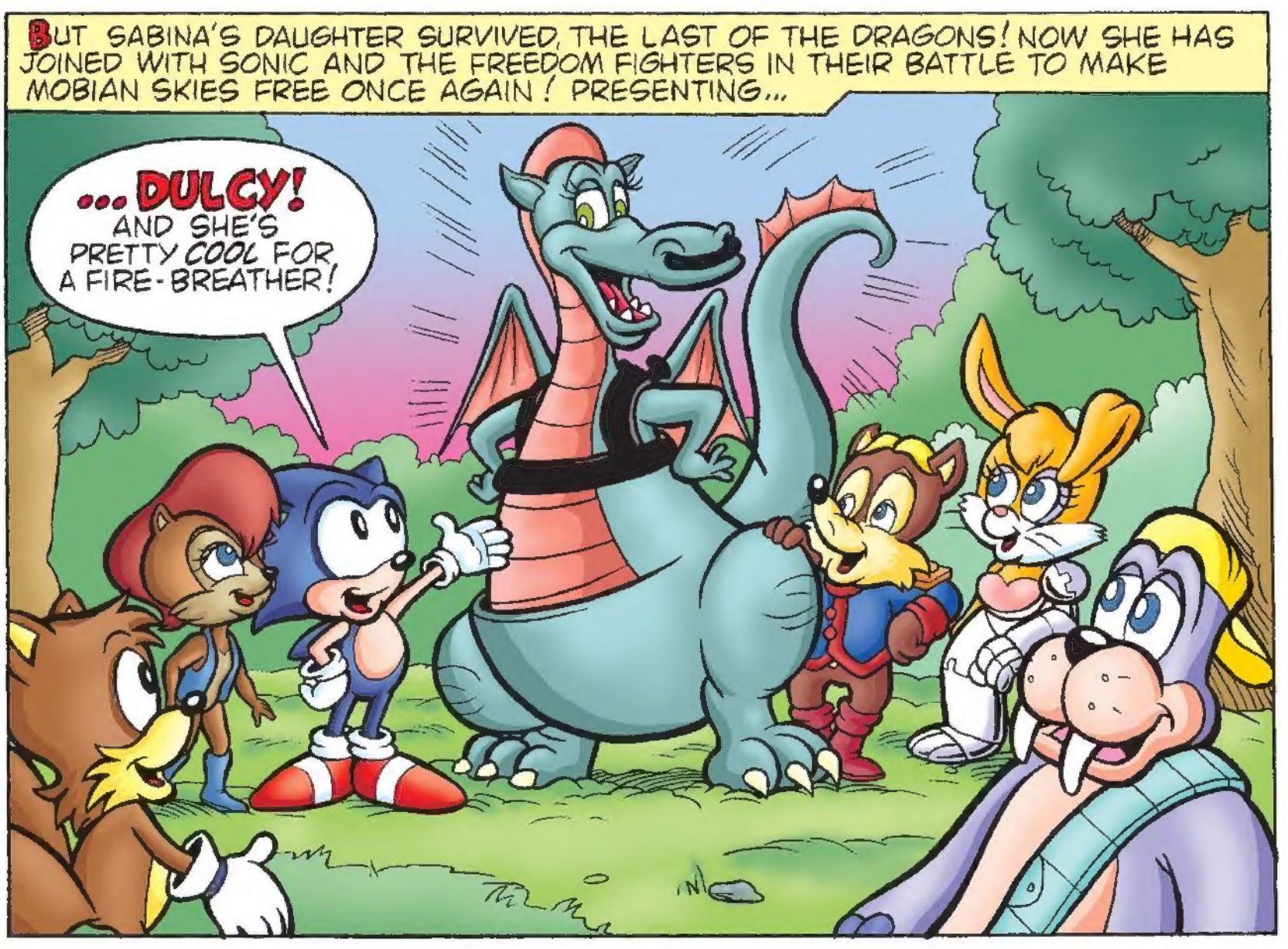
ONCE UPON A TIME, MAJESTIC DRAGONS ROAMED THE SKIES OF MOBIUS, FLYING AND LIVING FREE...

...UNTIL ROBOTNIK CAST HIS EVIL SHADOW UPON THE PLANET AND THE DRAGONS VANISHED ...ALL ROBOTICIZED, INCLUDING ONE NAMED SABINA...


BUT SABINA'S DAUGHTER SURVIVED, THE LAST OF THE DRAGONS! NOW SHE HAS JOINED WITH SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THEIR BATTLE TO MAKE MOBIAN SKIES FREE ONCE AGAIN! PRESENTING...
...DULCY! AND SHE'S PRETTY COOL FOR A FIRE-BREATHER!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in STEEL-BELTED Sally

PART ONE

THAT HOVERCRAFT IS A *PLANE* IN THE NECK, DULCY! WE'VE GOTTA GET IT OFF YOUR *TAIL*!

BLAM!

I KNOW WHAT TO DO, SONIC! HANG ON! ONE...TWO...THREE...

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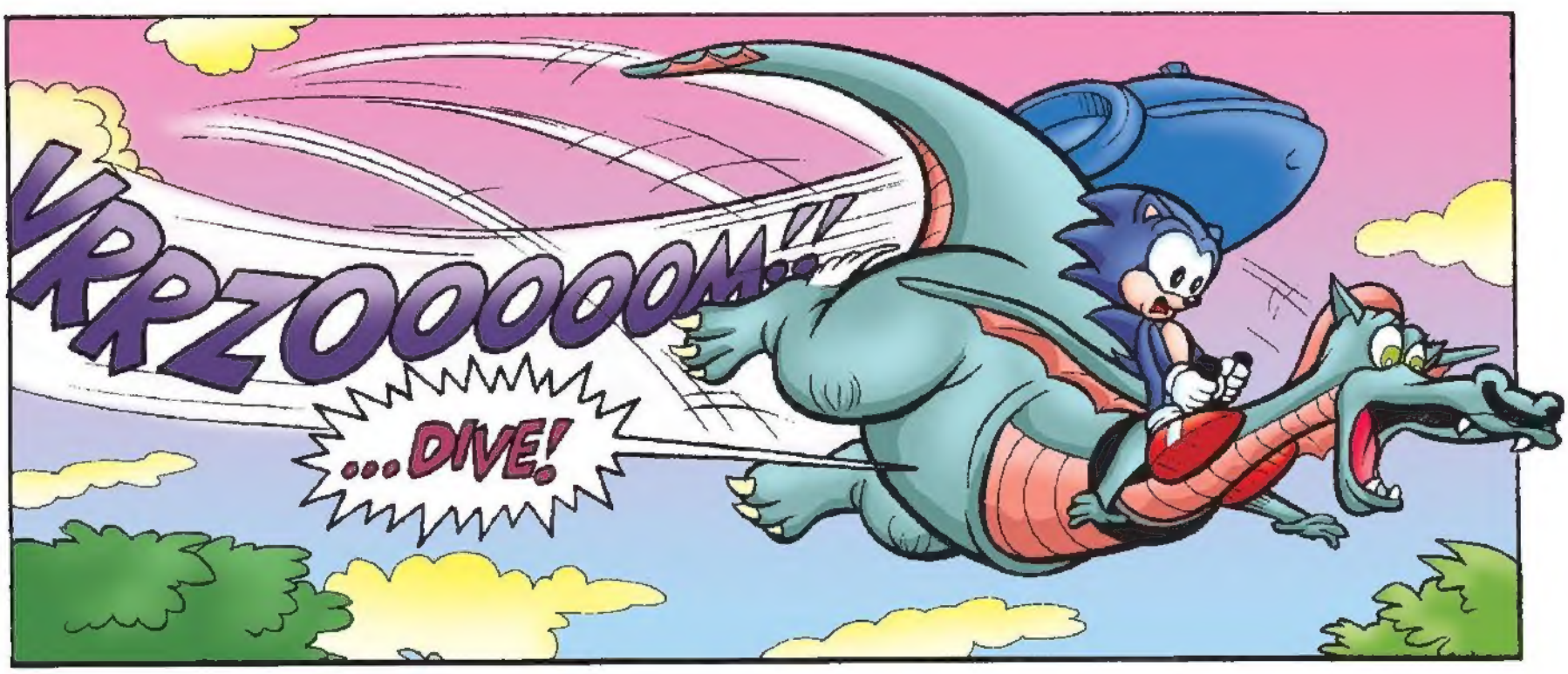
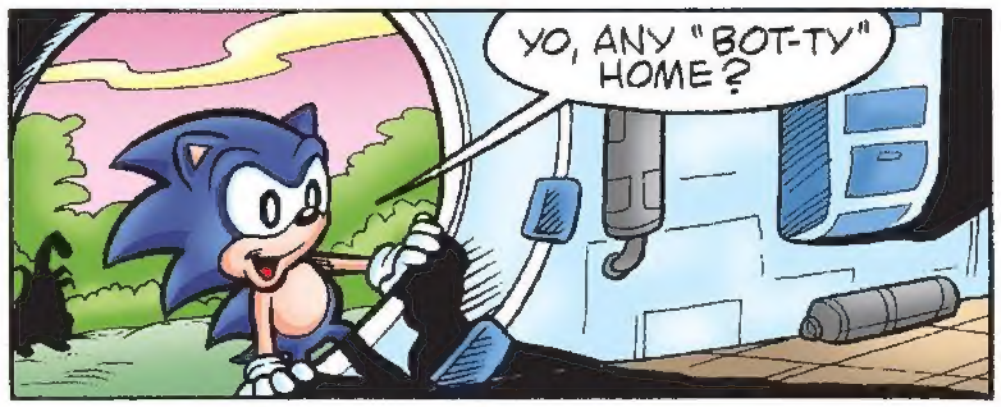
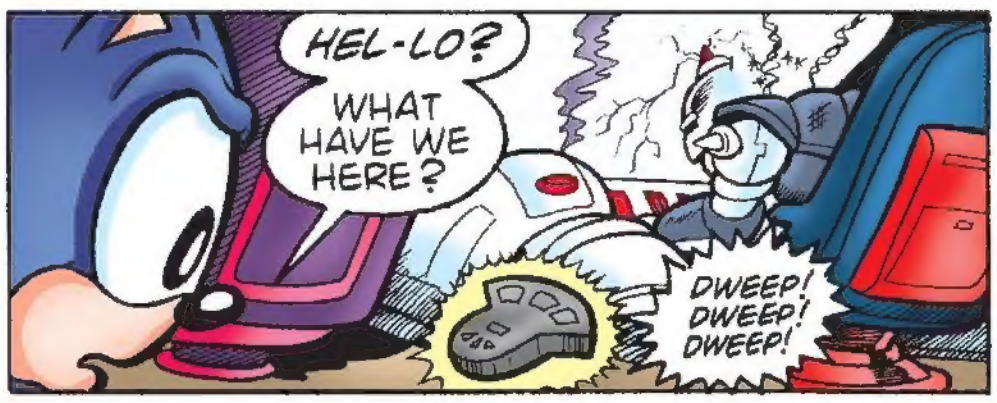
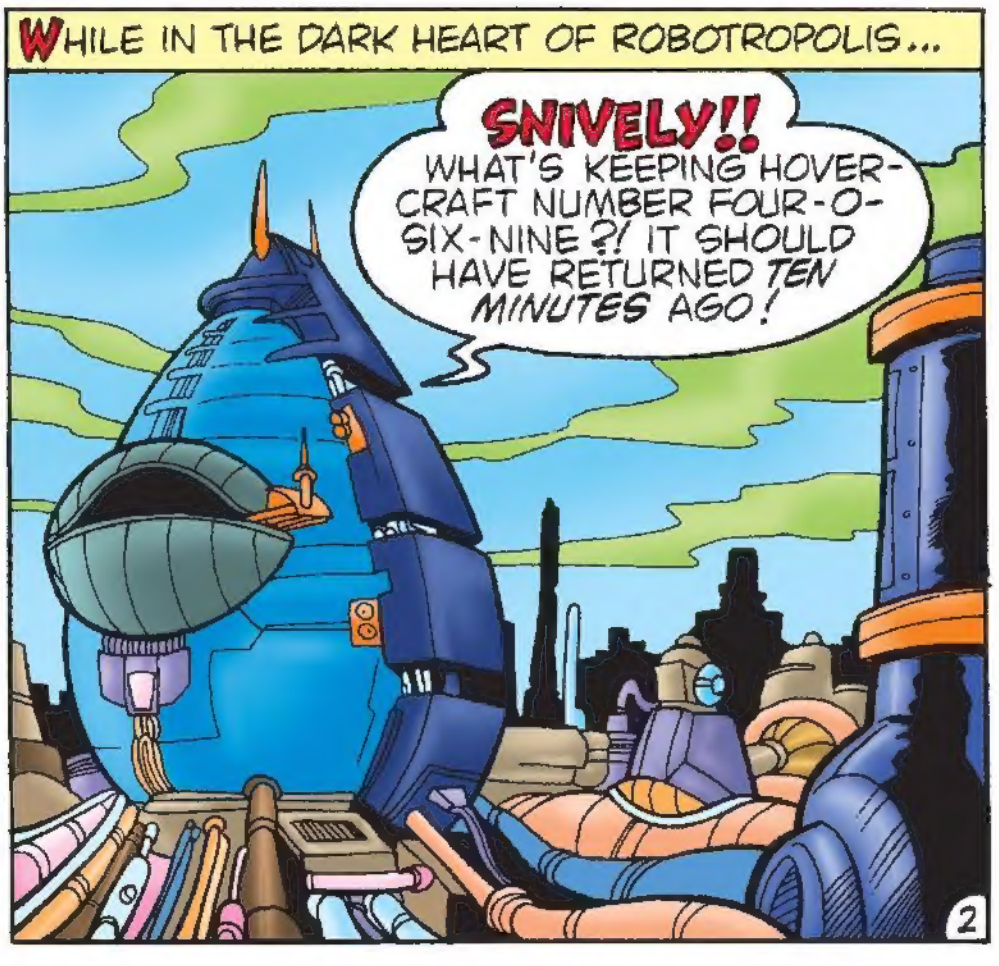


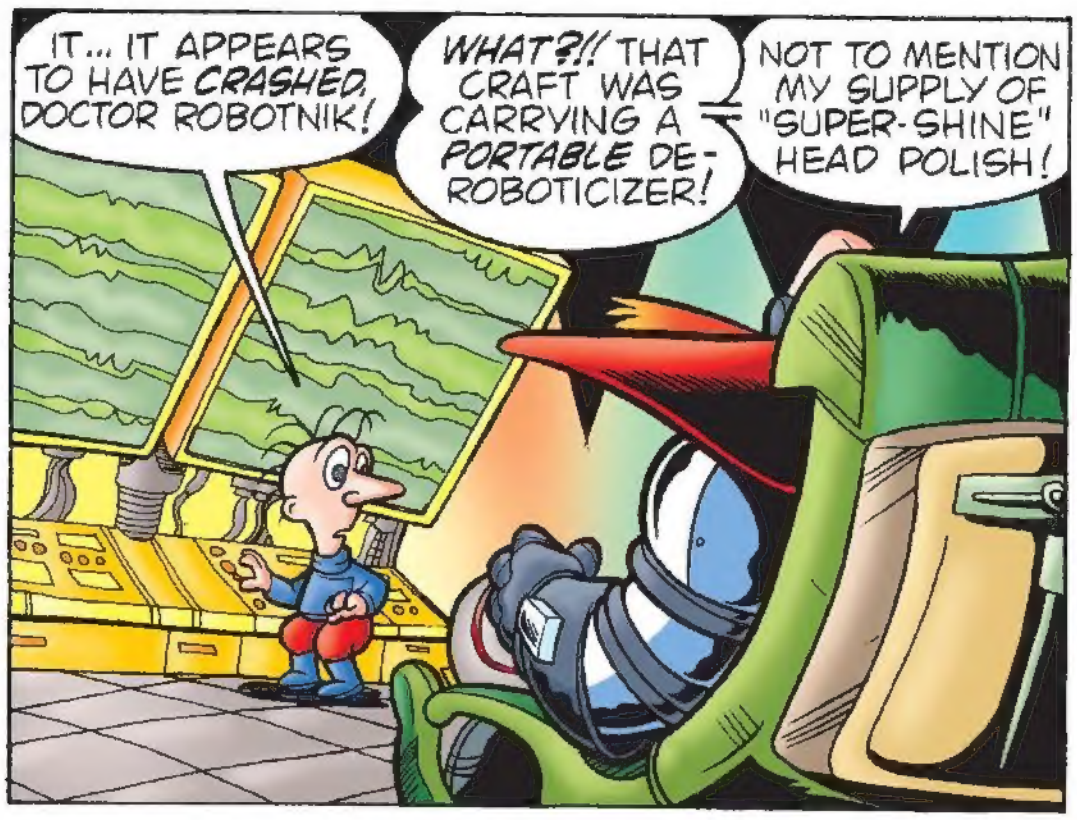
KRASH!
TSK! TSK! THEY DIDN'T SEE THE CLIFF!..
...NEXT TIME THEY'LL KEEP THEIR WINDSHIELD CLEAN!

SOON...
SHOULDN'T WE LEAVE BEFORE ANOTHER HOVER-CRAFT SHOWS UP, SONIC?
NOT UNTIL I'VE CHECKED THIS ONE FOR SOUVENIRS, DULCY!
BETTER KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

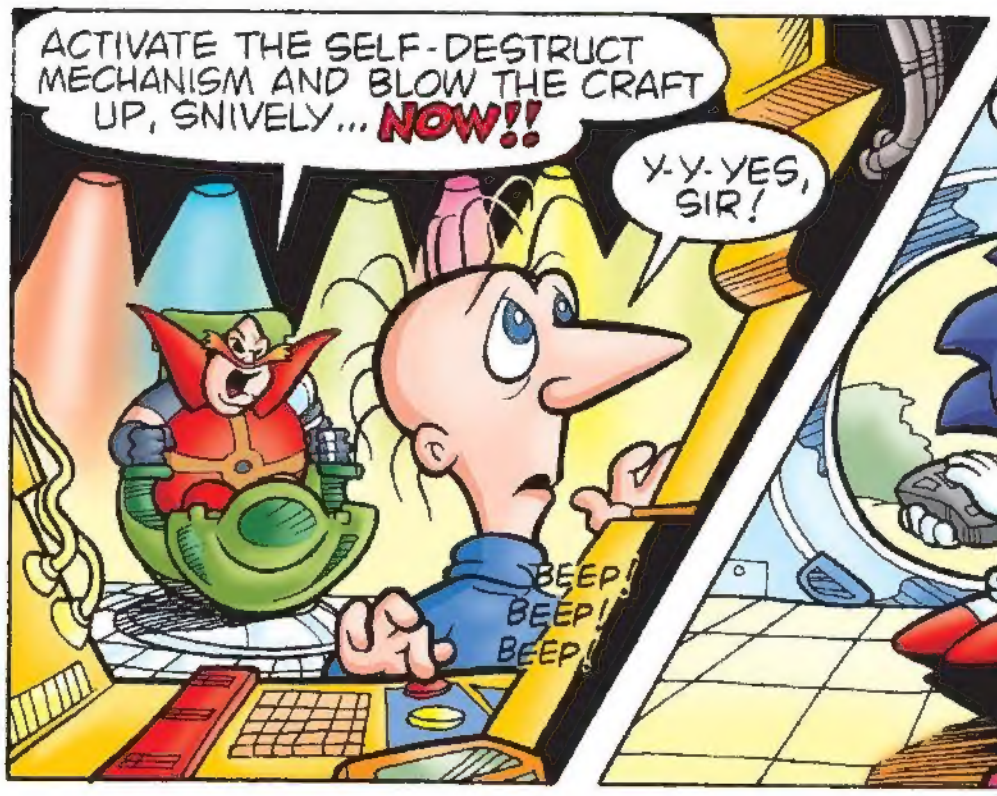

YO, ANY "BOT-TY" HOME?

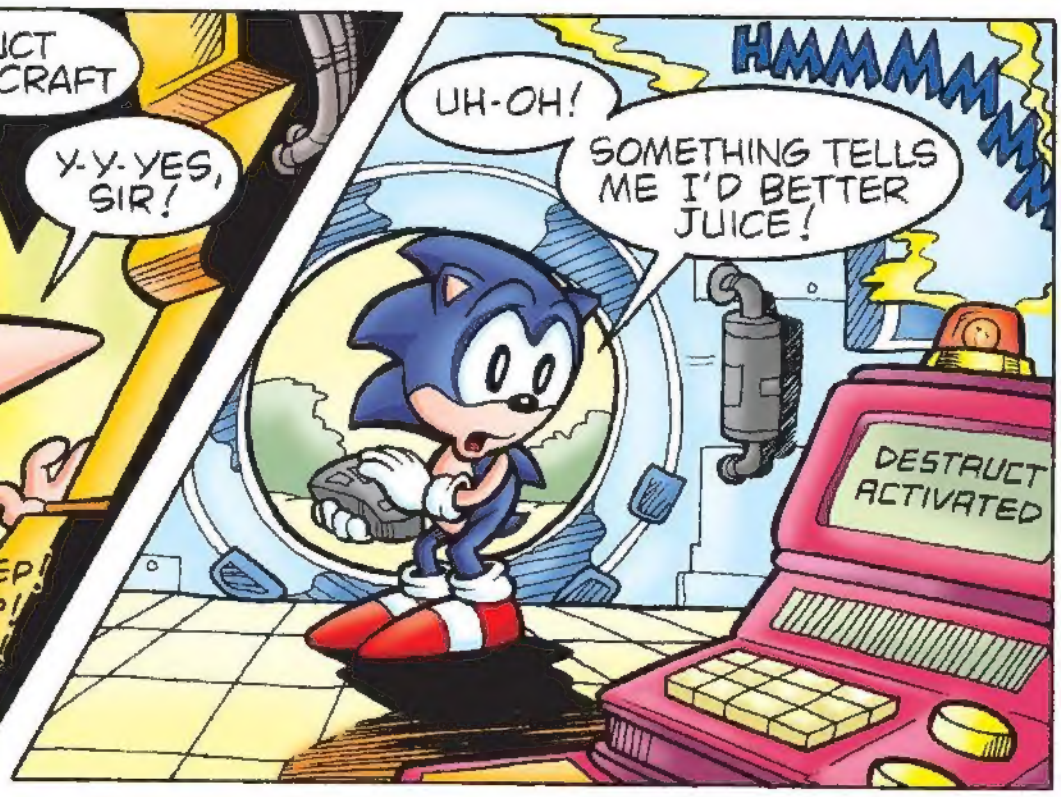

HEL-LO?
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
DWEEP! DWEEP! DWEEP!

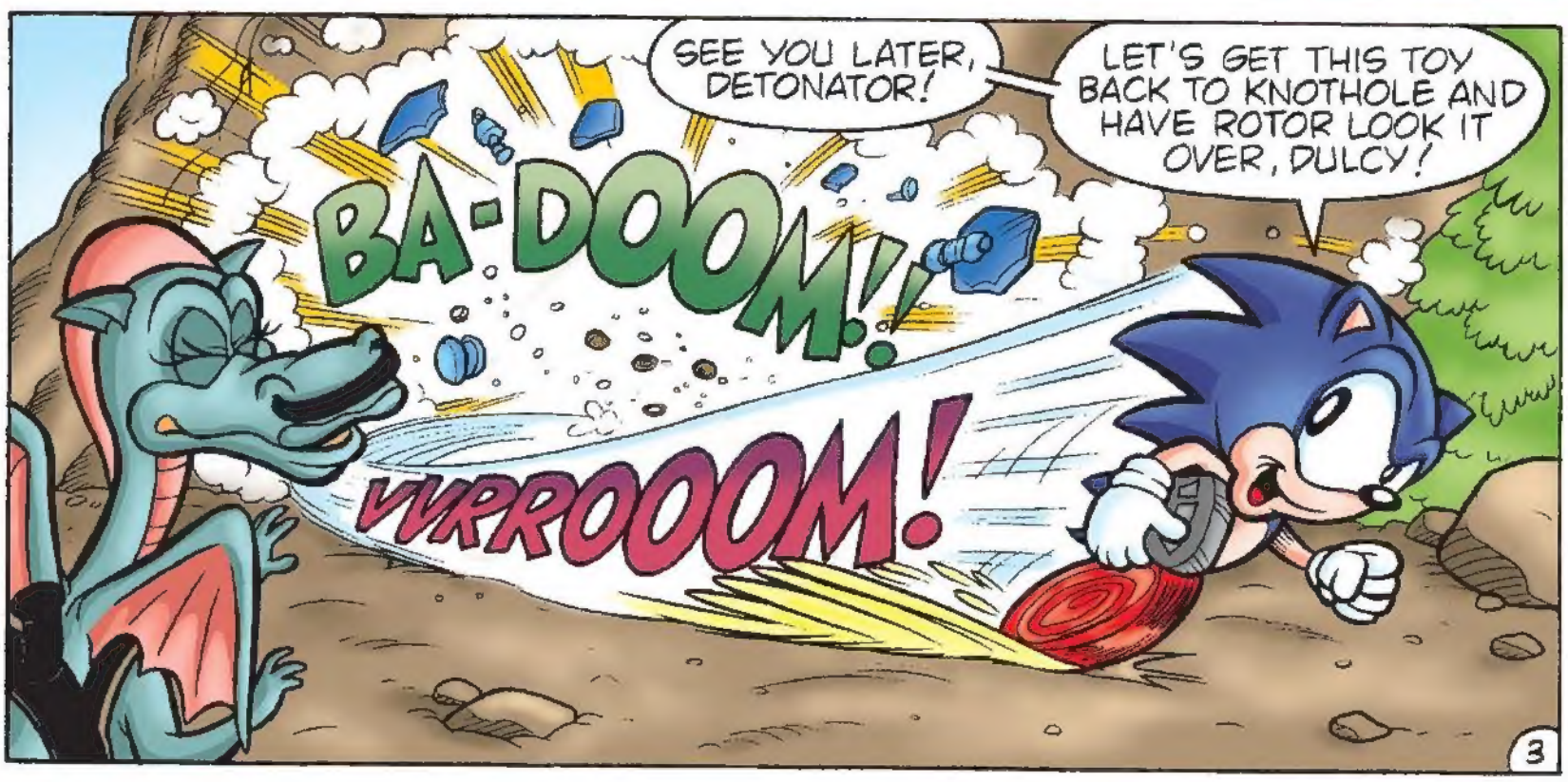

WHILE IN THE DARK HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS...
SNIVELY!! WHAT'S KEEPING HOVER-CRAFT NUMBER FOUR-O-SIX-NINE?! IT SHOULD HAVE RETURNED TEN MINUTES AGO!

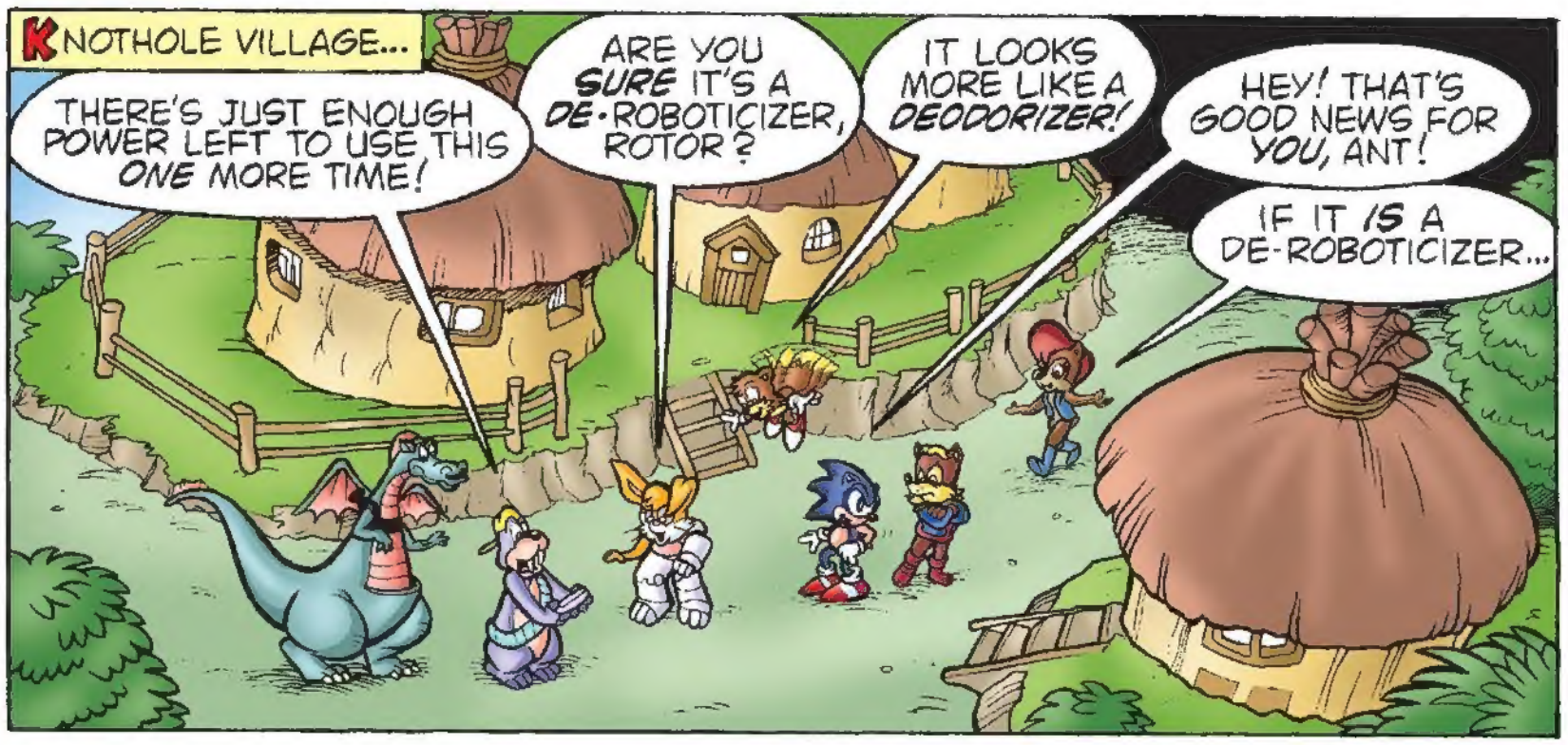

IT... IT APPEARS TO HAVE CRASHED, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
WHAT?!! THAT CRAFT WAS CARRYING A PORTABLE DE-ROBOTICIZER!
NOT TO MENTION MY SUPPLY OF "SUPER-SHINE" HEAD POLISH!

IF THAT DEVICE FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS, IT COULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES... ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

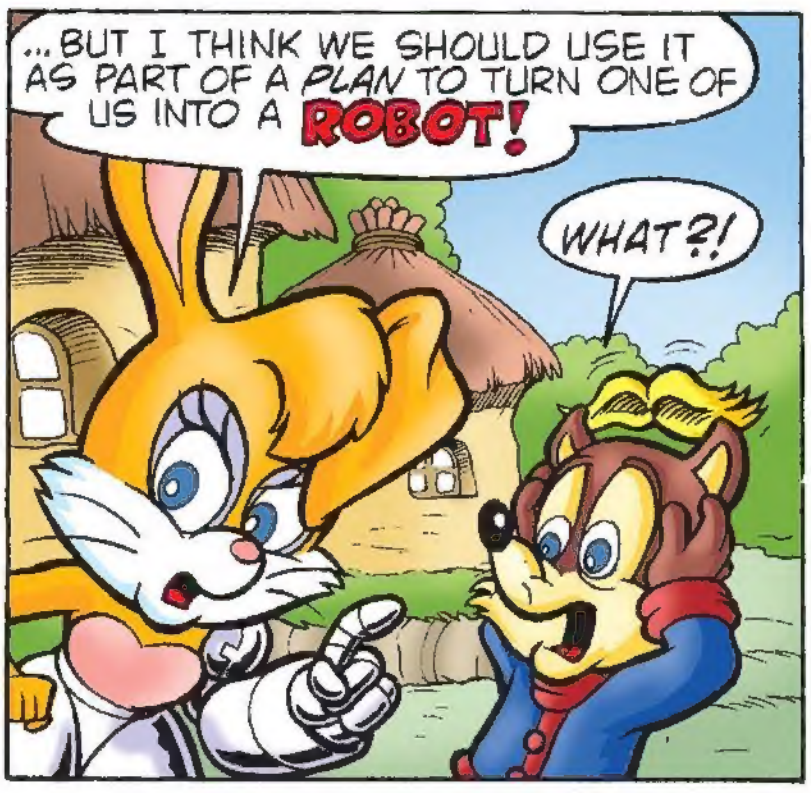

ACTIVATE THE SELF-DESTRUCT MECHANISM AND BLOW THE CRAFT UP, SNIVELY... NOW!!
Y-Y-YES, SIR!
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

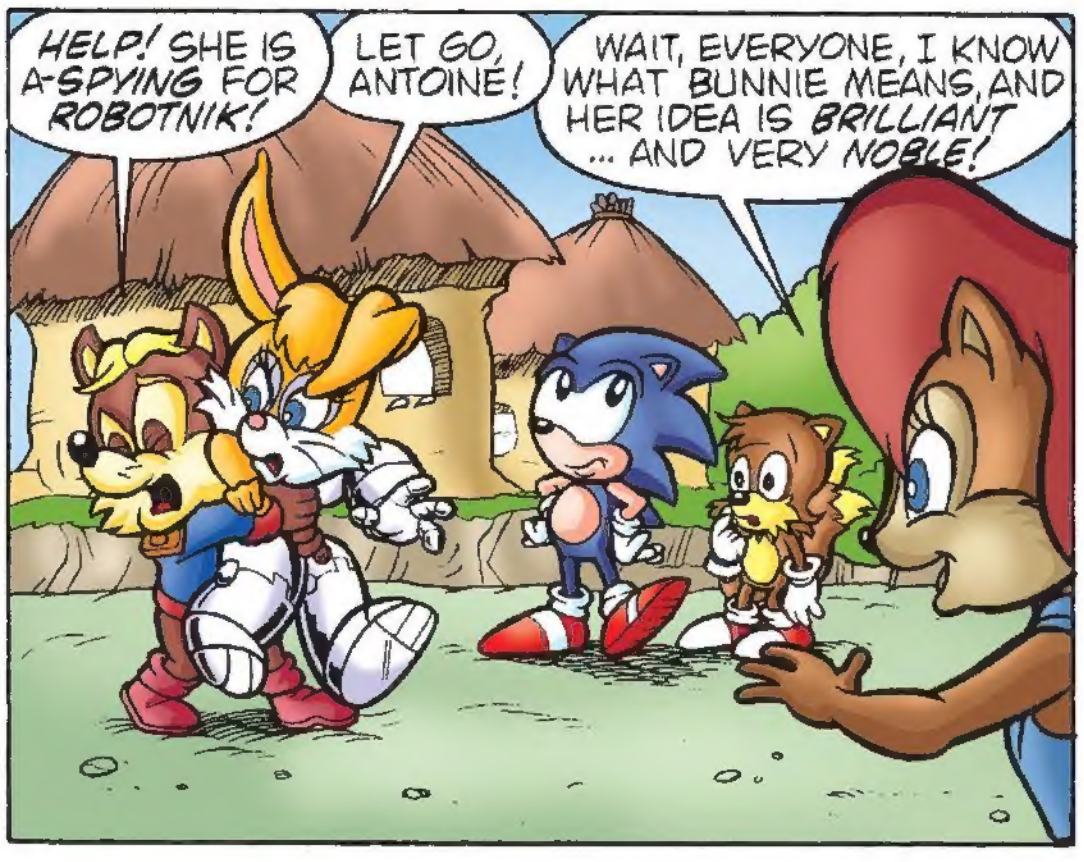

HMMMMM
UH-OH!
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'D BETTER JUICE!
DESTRUCT ACTIVATED

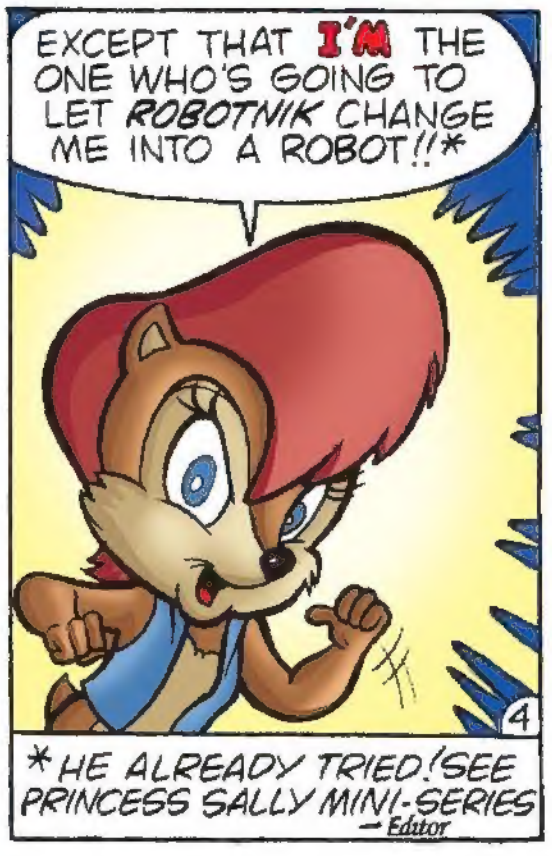

SEE YOU LATER, DETONATOR!
LET'S GET THIS TOY BACK TO KNOTHOLE AND HAVE ROTOR LOOK IT OVER, DULCY!
BA-DOOM!!
VVRROOOM!


KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
THERE'S JUST ENOUGH POWER LEFT TO USE THIS ONE MORE TIME!
ARE YOU SURE IT'S A DE-ROBOTICIZER, ROTOR?
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A DEODORIZER!
HEY! THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, ANT!
IF IT IS A DE-ROBOTICIZER...

...THEN WE SHOULD USE IT TO MAKE BUNNIE A COMPLETE RABBIT AGAIN!
THANKS, SALLY...


...BUT I THINK WE SHOULD USE IT AS PART OF A PLAN TO TURN ONE OF US INTO A ROBOT!
WHAT?!


HELP! SHE IS A-SPYING FOR ROBOTNIK!
LET GO, ANTOINE!
WAIT, EVERYONE, I KNOW WHAT BUNNIE MEANS, AND HER IDEA IS BRILLIANT ... AND VERY NOBLE!


EXCEPT THAT I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO LET ROBOTNIK CHANGE ME INTO A ROBOT!!*
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*HE ALREADY TRIED! SEE PRINCESS SALLY MINI-SERIES
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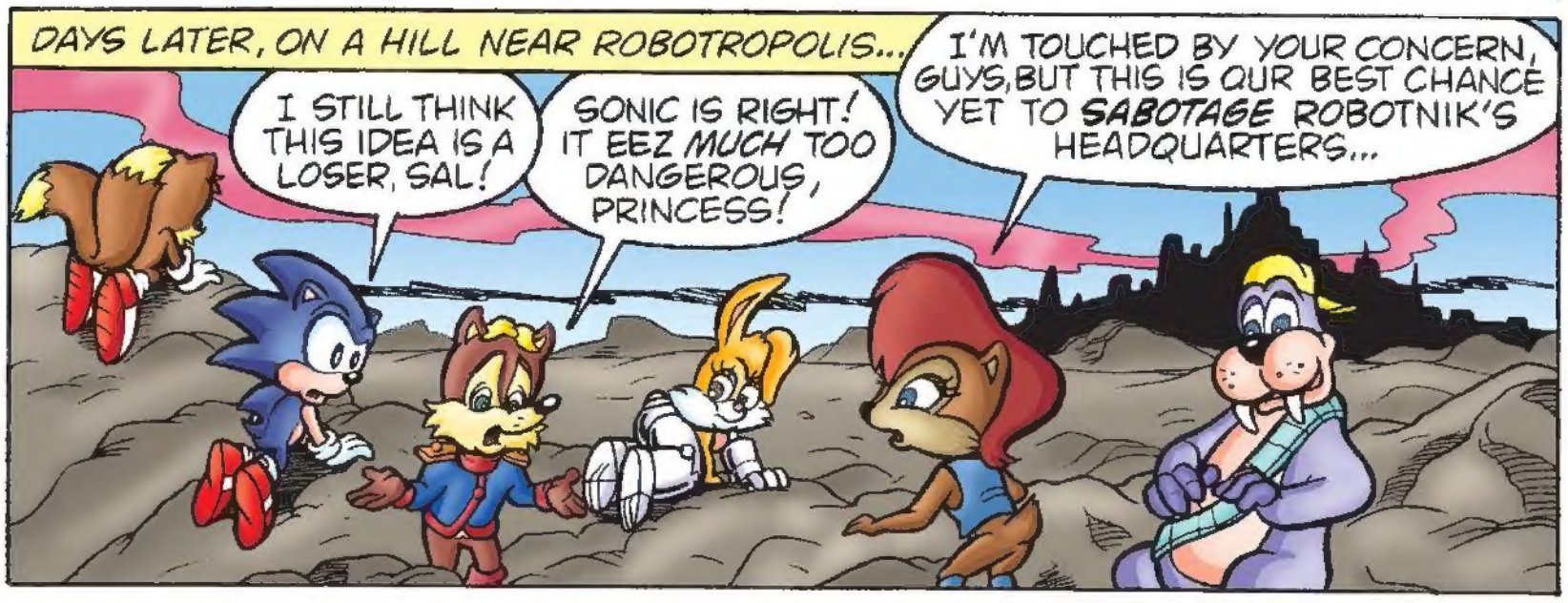
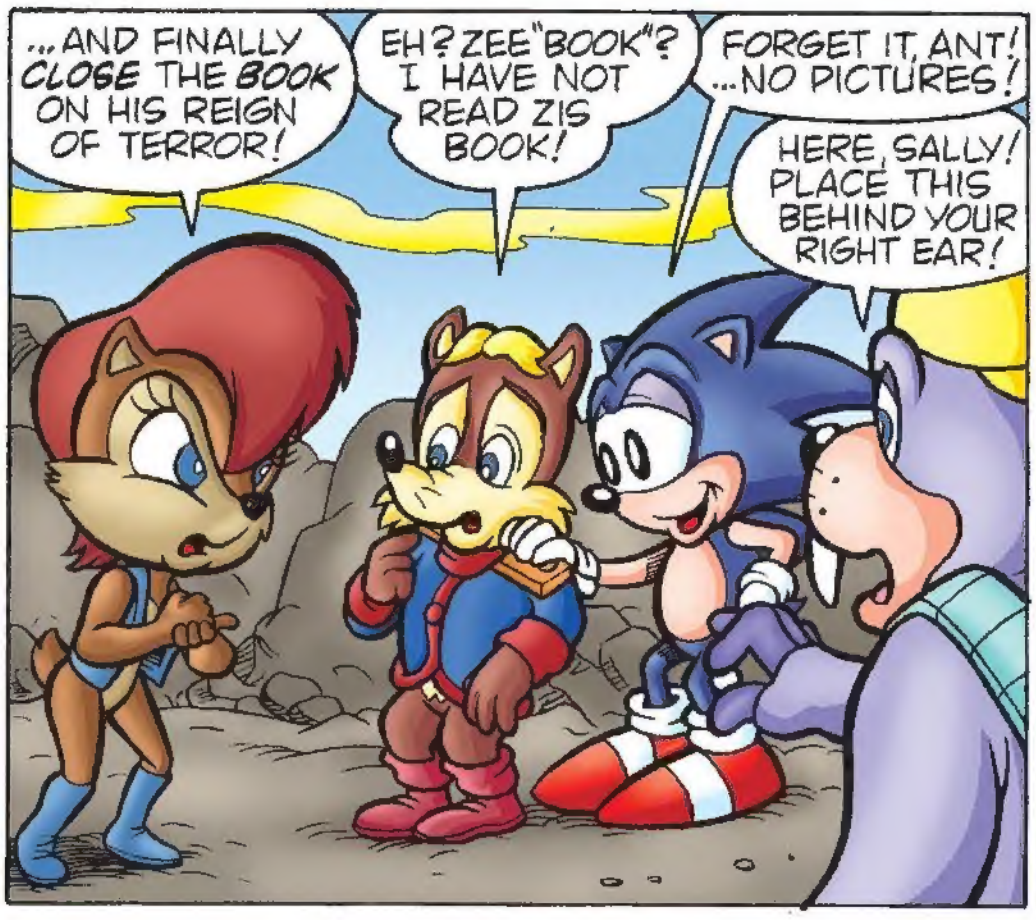
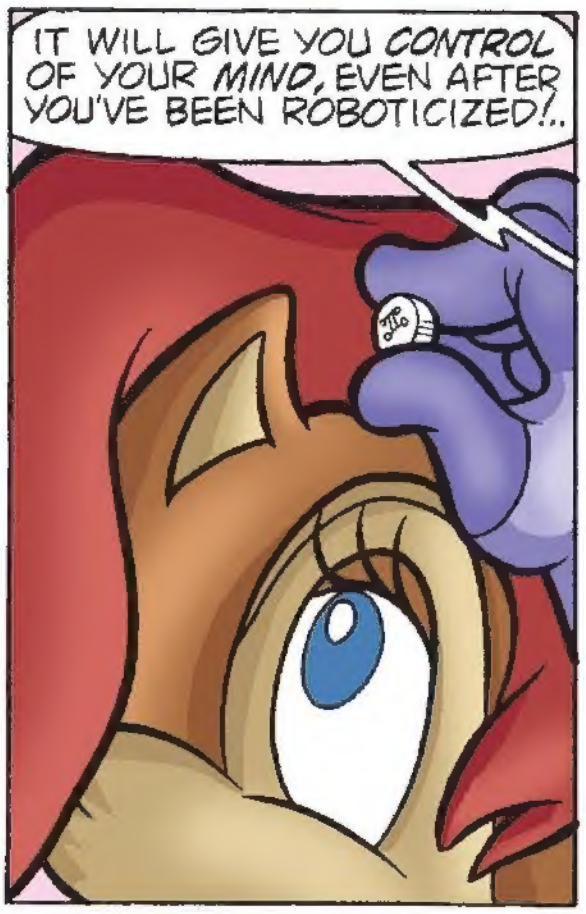
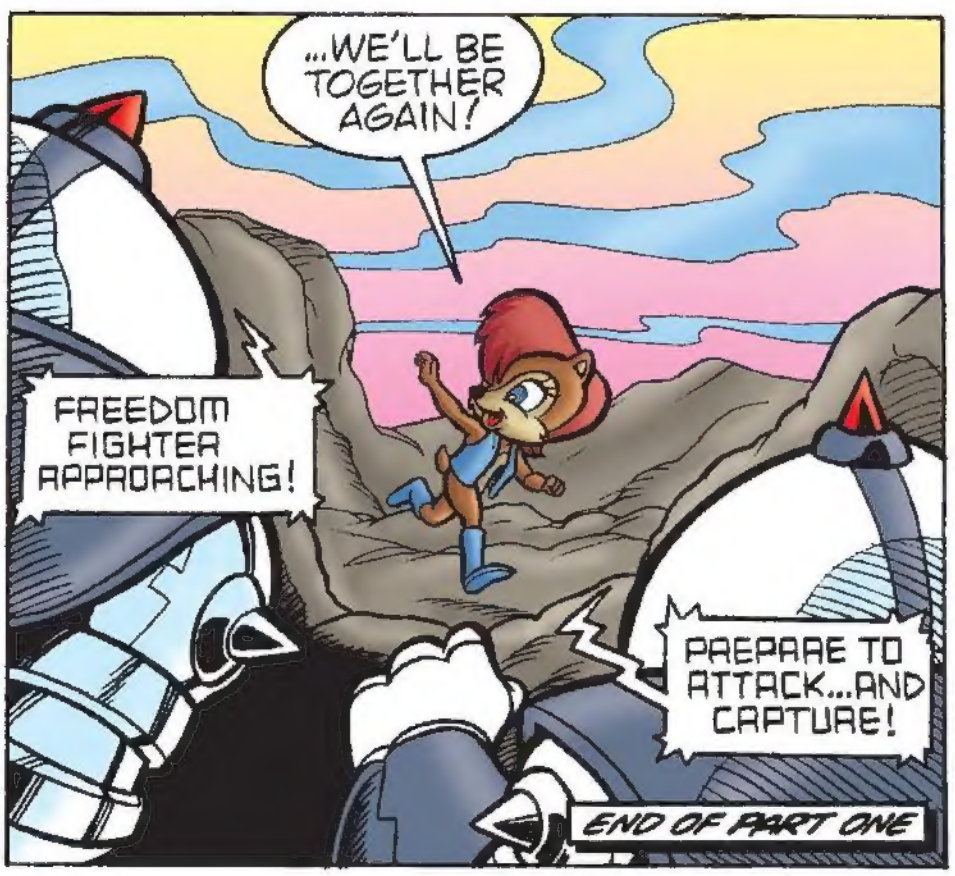

DAYS LATER, ON A HILL NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS...
I STILL THINK THIS IDEA IS A LOSER, SAL!
SONIC IS RIGHT! IT EEZ MUCH TOO DANGEROUS, PRINCESS!
I'M TOUCHED BY YOUR CONCERN, GUYS, BUT THIS IS OUR BEST CHANCE YET TO SABOTAGE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...


...AND FINALLY CLOSE THE BOOK ON HIS REIGN OF TERROR!
EH? ZEE "BOOK"? I HAVE NOT READ ZIS BOOK!
FORGET IT, ANT! ...NO PICTURES!
HERE, SALLY! PLACE THIS BEHIND YOUR RIGHT EAR!


IT WILL GIVE YOU CONTROL OF YOUR MIND, EVEN AFTER YOU'VE BEEN ROBOTICIZED!..

... AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DAMAGE ROBOTNIK'S POWER BASE, BIG TIME!
GOOD LUCK, SAL!
DON'T WORRY, SONIC...


...WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!
FREEDOM FIGHTER APPROACHING!
PREPARE TO ATTACK...AND CAPTURE!
END OF PART ONE

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PART TWO

DO NOT RESIST, FREEDOM FIGHTER!

ALL ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE ARE FUTILE!

MAYBE, YOU METALLIC MEATBALLS! BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS BELIEVABLE!

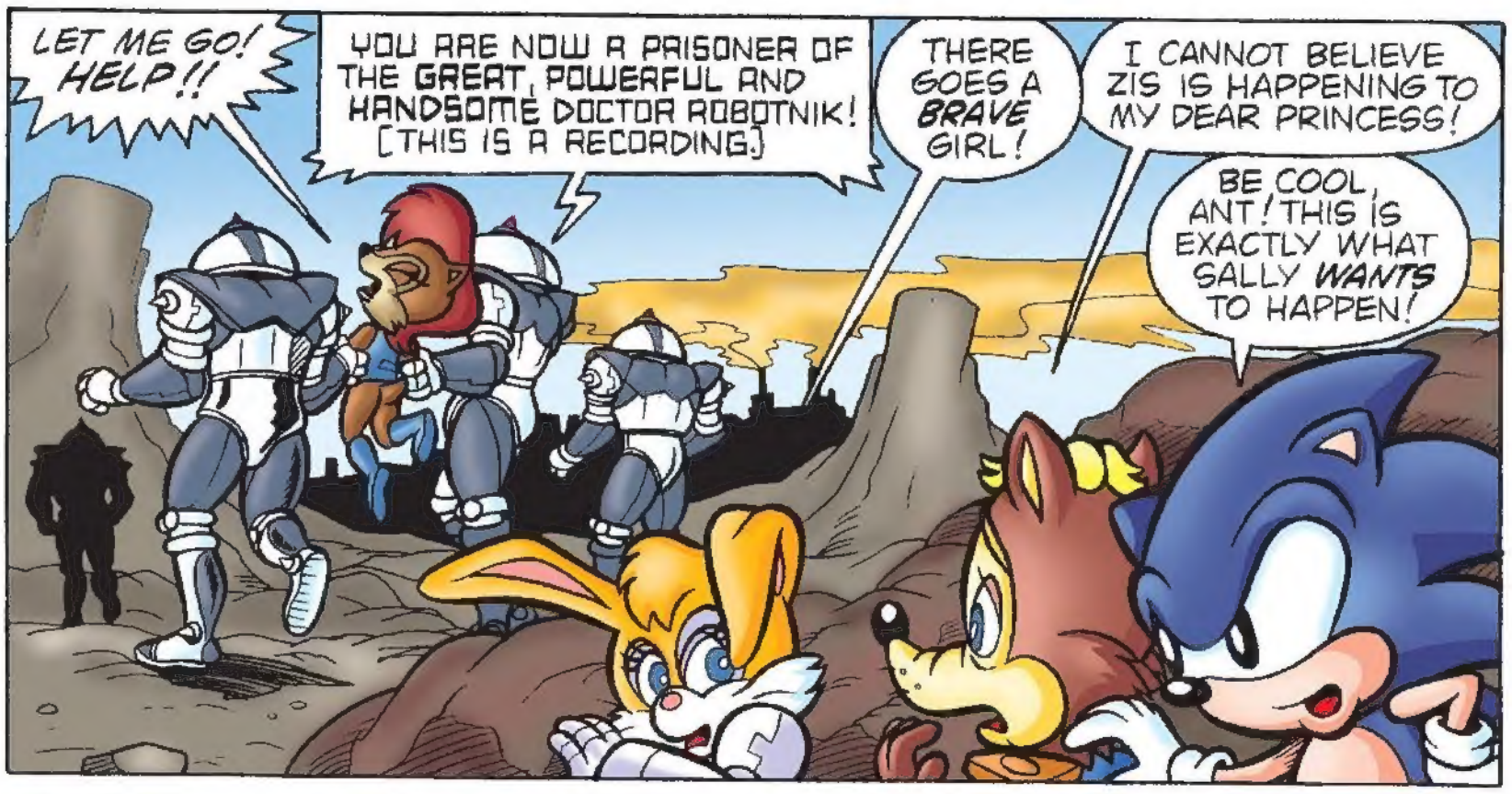
HELP!

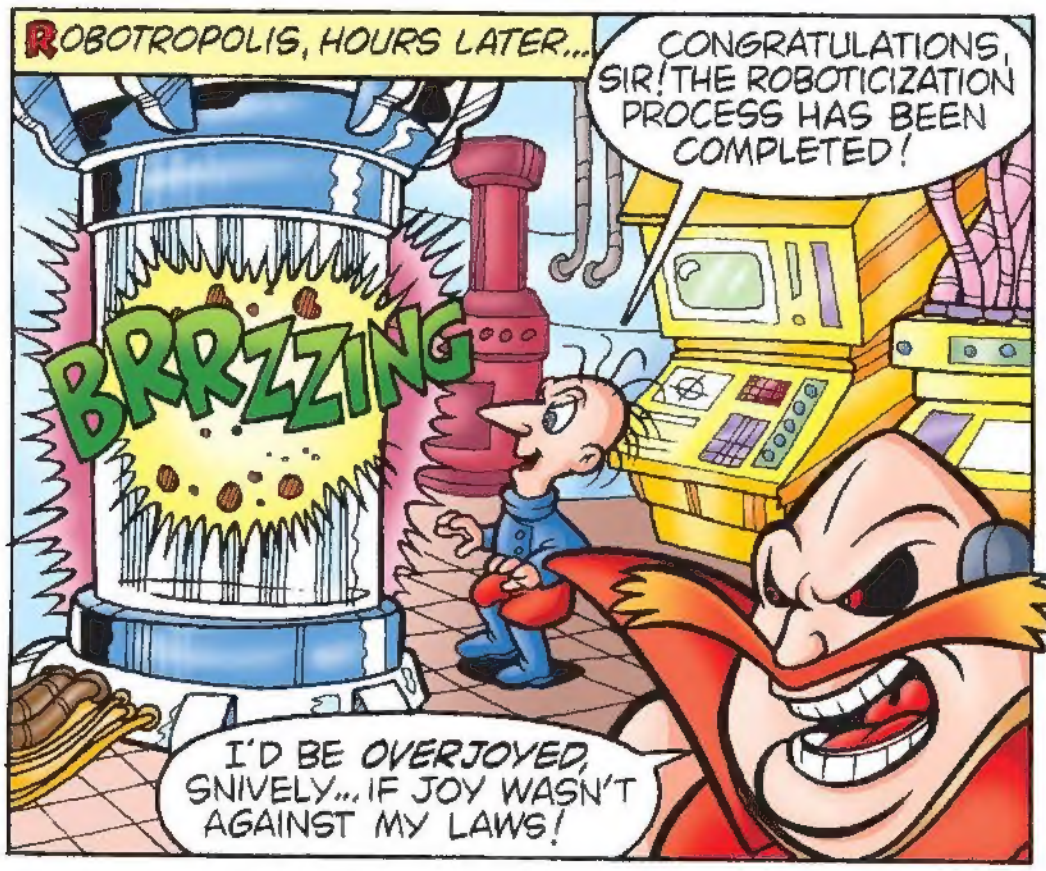
KZAP!

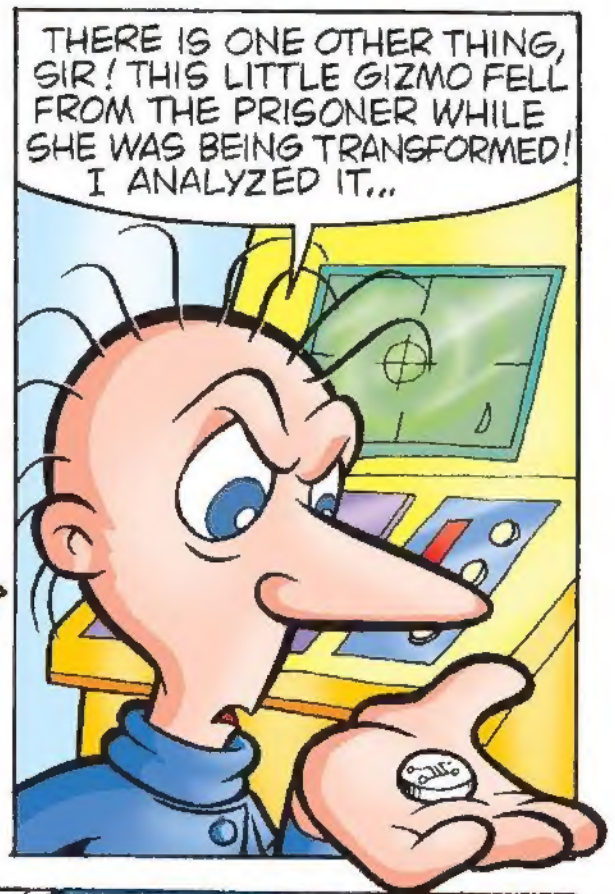
KZAP!

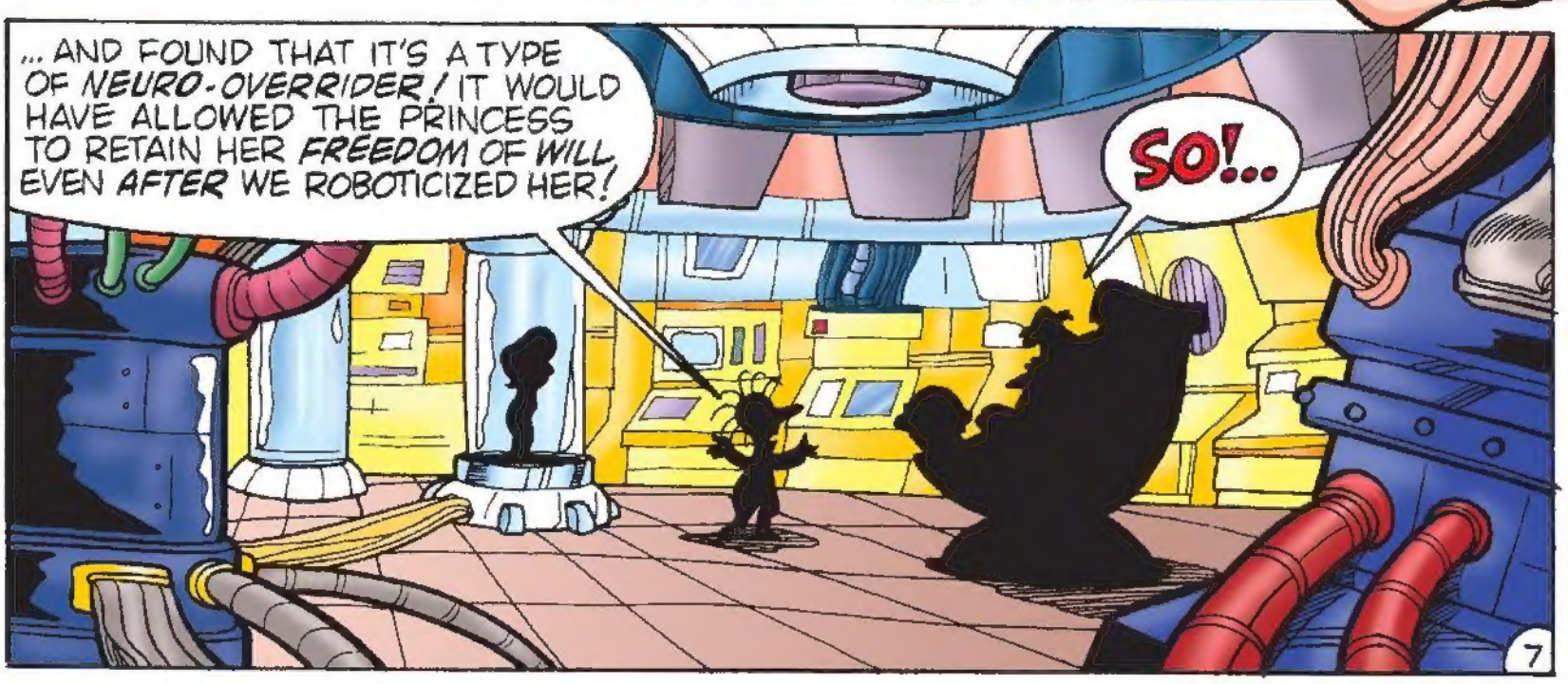
OH!...

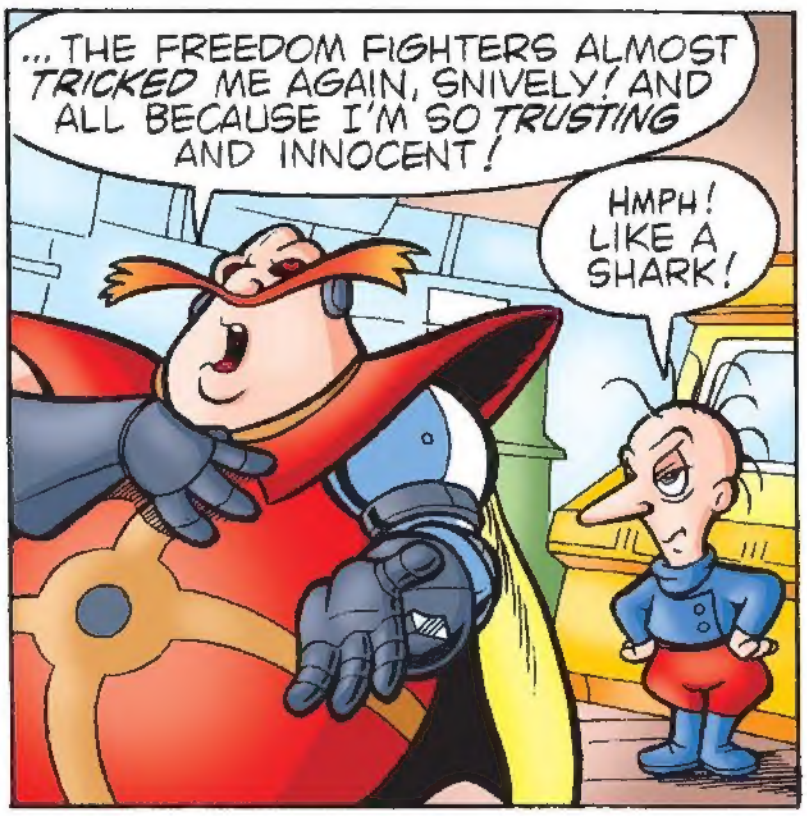
MAKE THAT UH-OH!


LET ME GO! HELP!!
YOU ARE NOW A PRISONER OF THE GREAT, POWERFUL AND HANDSOME DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! [THIS IS A RECORDING.]
THERE GOES A BRAVE GIRL!
I CANNOT BELIEVE ZIS IS HAPPENING TO MY DEAR PRINCESS!
BE COOL, ANT! THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT SALLY WANTS TO HAPPEN!


ROBOTROPOLIS, HOURS LATER...
CONGRATULATIONS, SIR! THE ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED!
BRRZZING
I'D BE OVERJOYED, SNIVELY... IF JOY WASN'T AGAINST MY LAWS!


THERE IS ONE OTHER THING, SIR! THIS LITTLE GIZMO FELL FROM THE PRISONER WHILE SHE WAS BEING TRANSFORMED! I ANALYZED IT...

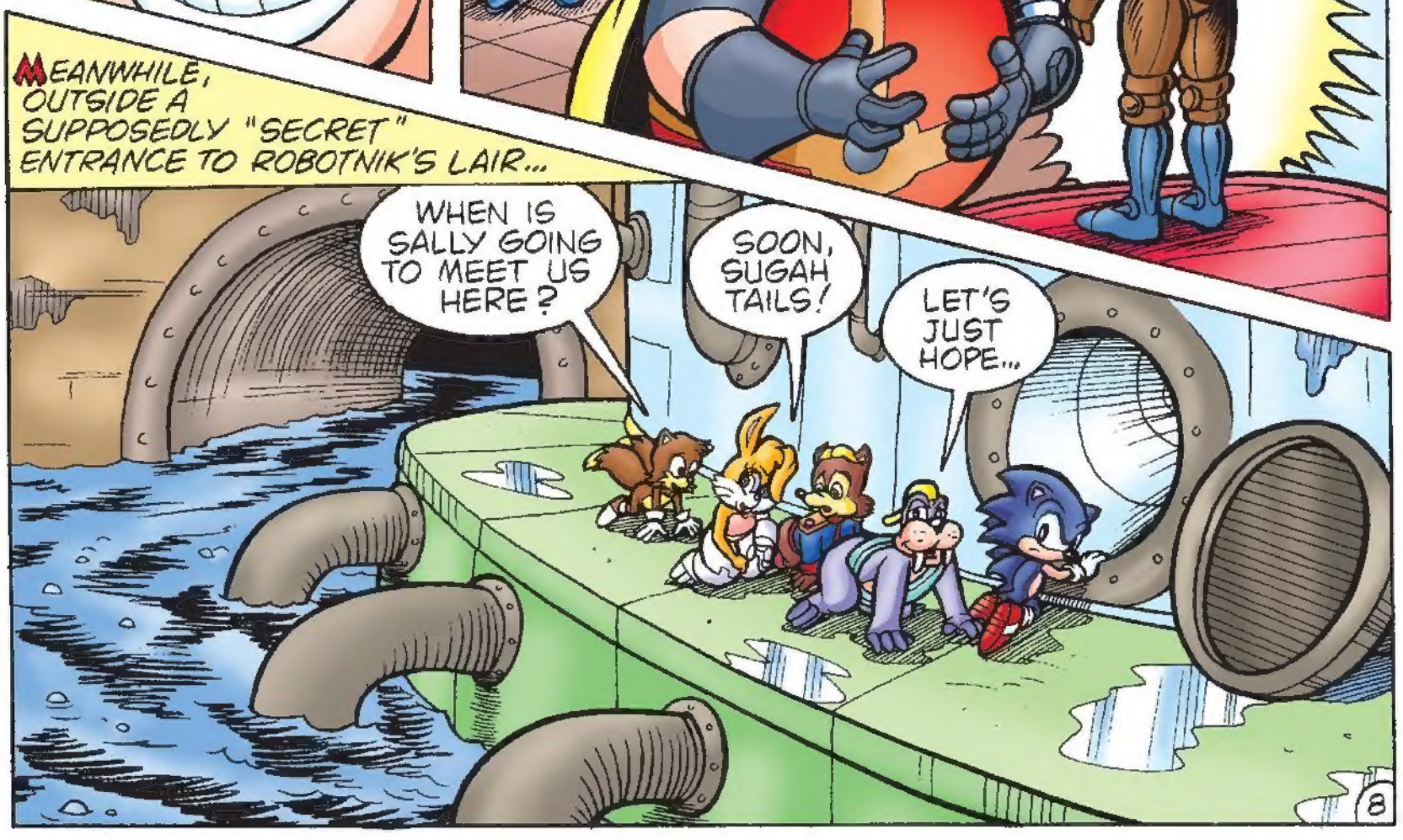

... AND FOUND THAT IT'S A TYPE OF NEURO-OVERRIDER! IT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE PRINCESS TO RETAIN HER FREEDOM OF WILL EVEN AFTER WE ROBOTICIZED HER!
SO!...


...THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALMOST TRICKED ME AGAIN, SNIVELY! AND ALL BECAUSE I'M SO TRUSTING AND INNOCENT!
HMPH! LIKE A SHARK!

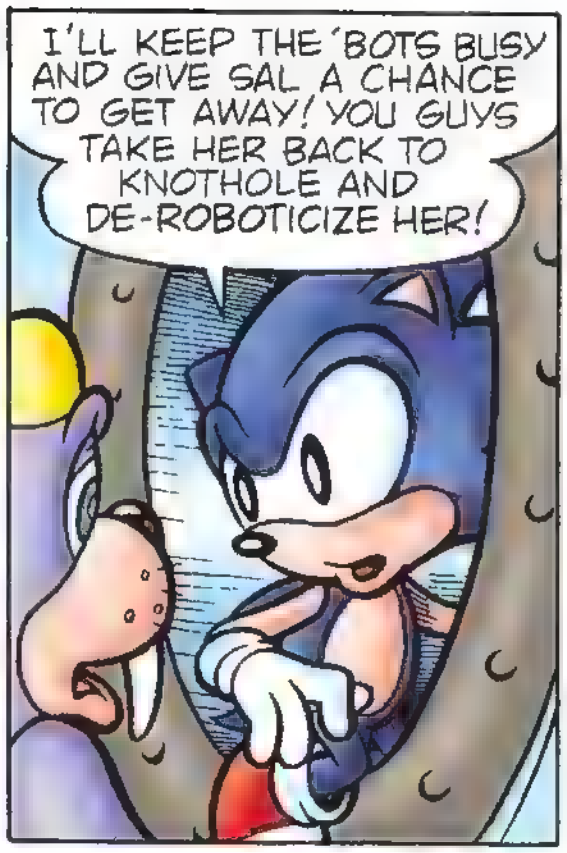
WHAT WAS THAT?!!
UM... ER... I SAID "I LIKE THE DARK," SIR... UM... IT'S... UH... MUCH EASIER TO BE SNEAKY IN THE DARK! HEH-HEH!

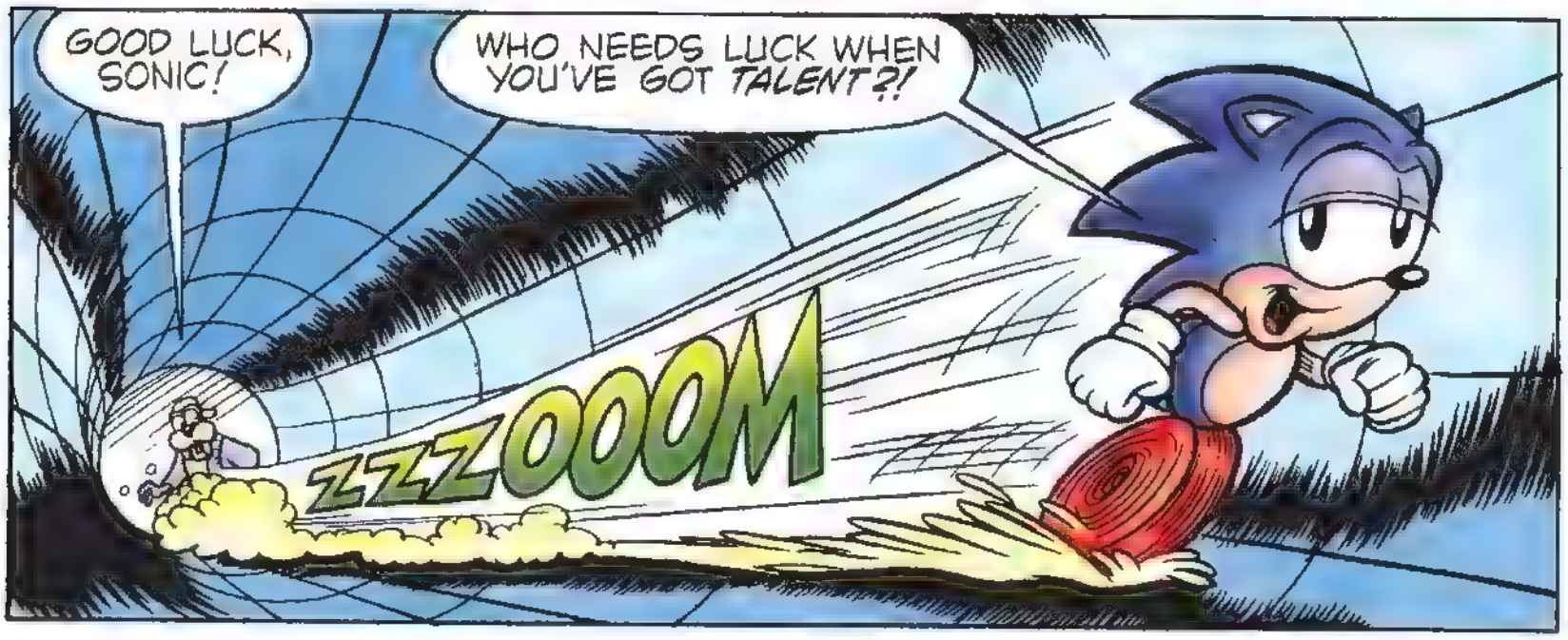
NEVER MIND! I THINK I'LL GIVE MY FIRST COMMAND TO PRINCESS SALLY...

...OR SHALL I CALL YOU 'BOT NUMBER THREE-THREE-NINE-ZERO! HEEHEEHAHAHO!
HOW MAY I SERVE YOU, MASTER?


MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE A SUPPOSEDLY "SECRET" ENTRANCE TO ROBOTNIK'S LAIR...
WHEN IS SALLY GOING TO MEET US HERE?
SOON, SUGAH TAILS!
LET'S JUST HOPE...

...THAT HER MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL!
WE'VE GOT TO ASSUME IT WAS, ROTOR, AND FOLLOW UP ON OUR PLAN!


I'LL KEEP THE 'BOTS BUSY AND GIVE SAL A CHANCE TO GET AWAY! YOU GUYS TAKE HER BACK TO KNOTHOLE AND DE-ROBOTICIZE HER!


GOOD LUCK, SONIC!
WHO NEEDS LUCK WHEN YOU'VE GOT TALENT?!
ZZZOOOM

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE SALLY AGAIN! I REALLY MISS HER!
JUST DON'T BE SCARED WHEN YOU SEE HER ROBOT BODY, SUGAH TAILS! IT'LL STILL BE GOOD OL' SALLY-GIRL UNDERNEATH!

HEY! THERE SHE IS NOW!
HI, SALLY!

SOON...
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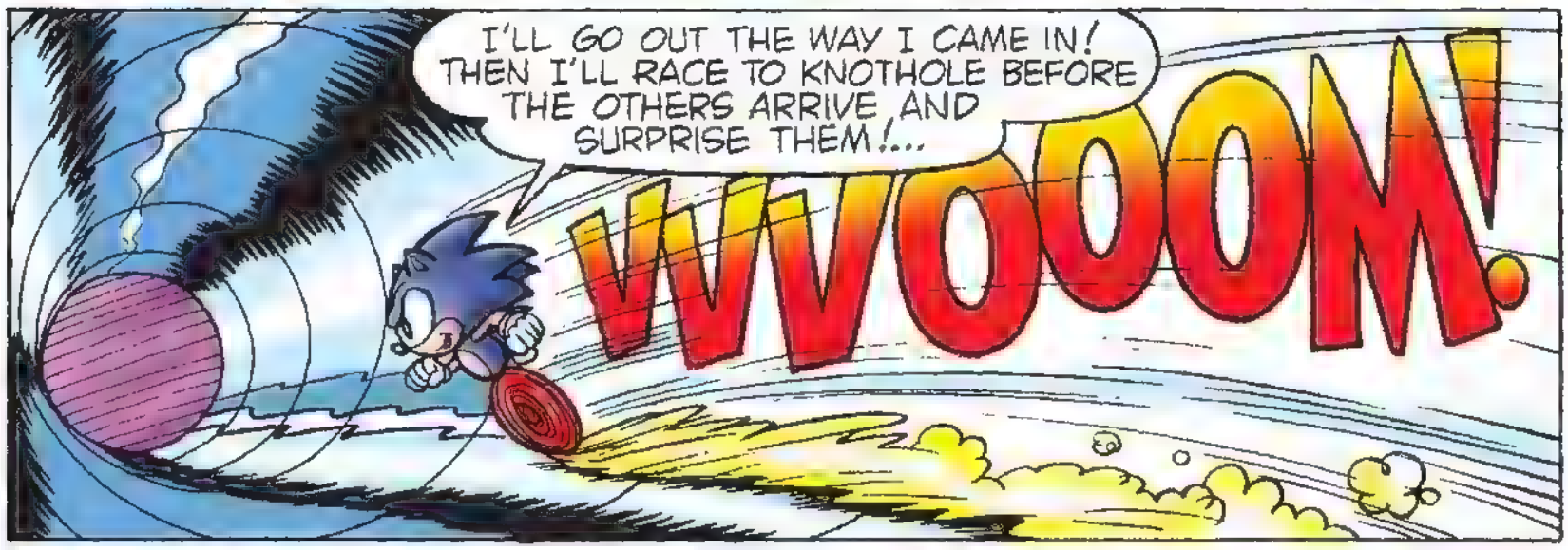
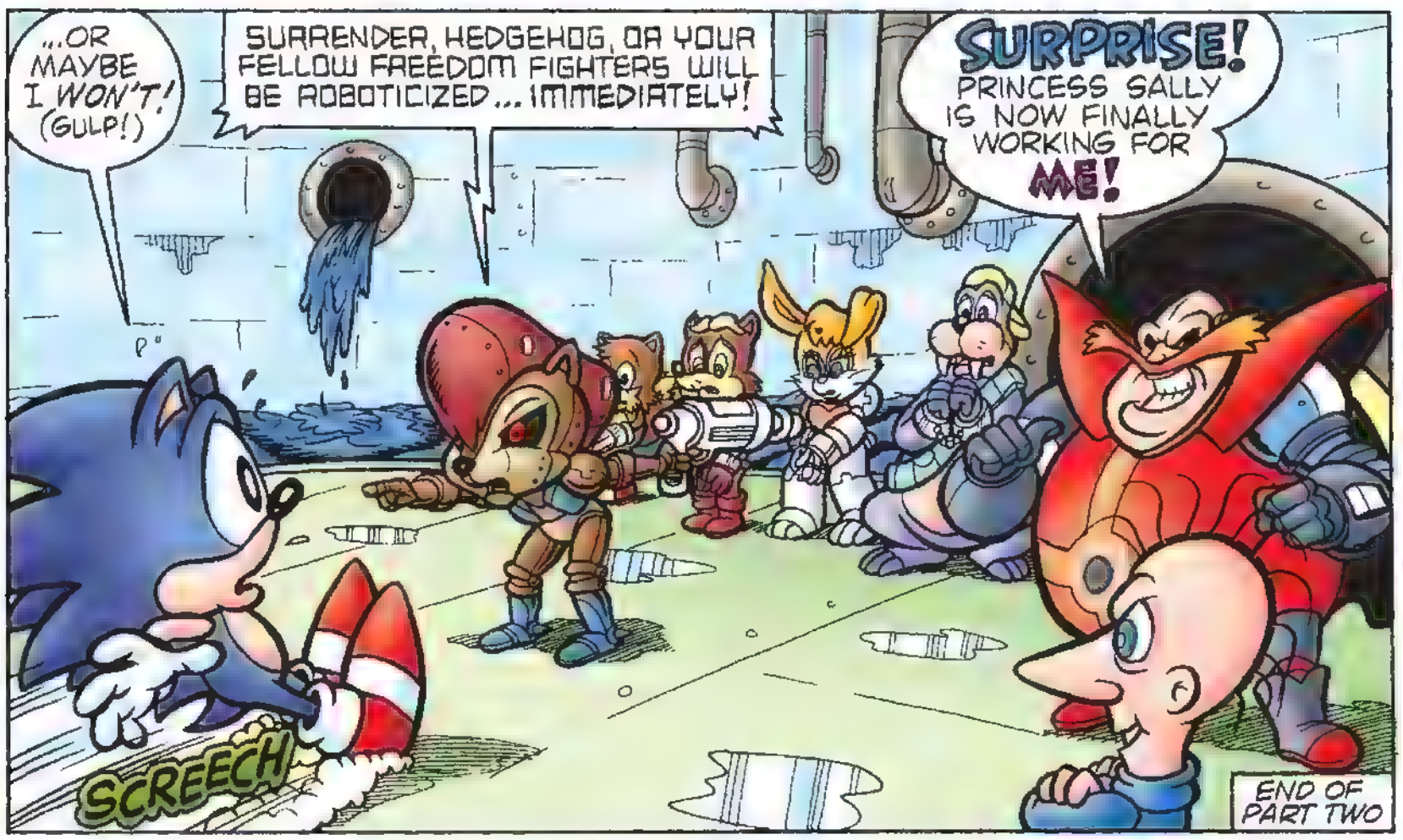
ENOUGH OF THIS 'BOT-BAITING!
SALLY SHOULD HAVE JOINED WITH THE GANG BY NOW!


I'LL GO OUT THE WAY I CAME IN! THEN I'LL RACE TO KNOTHOLE BEFORE THE OTHERS ARRIVE, AND SURPRISE THEM!...
VVOOOM!


...OR MAYBE I WON'T! (GULP!)
SURRENDER, HEDGEHOG, OR YOUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED... IMMEDIATELY!
SURPRISE! PRINCESS SALLY IS NOW FINALLY WORKING FOR ME!
SCREECH
END OF PART TWO

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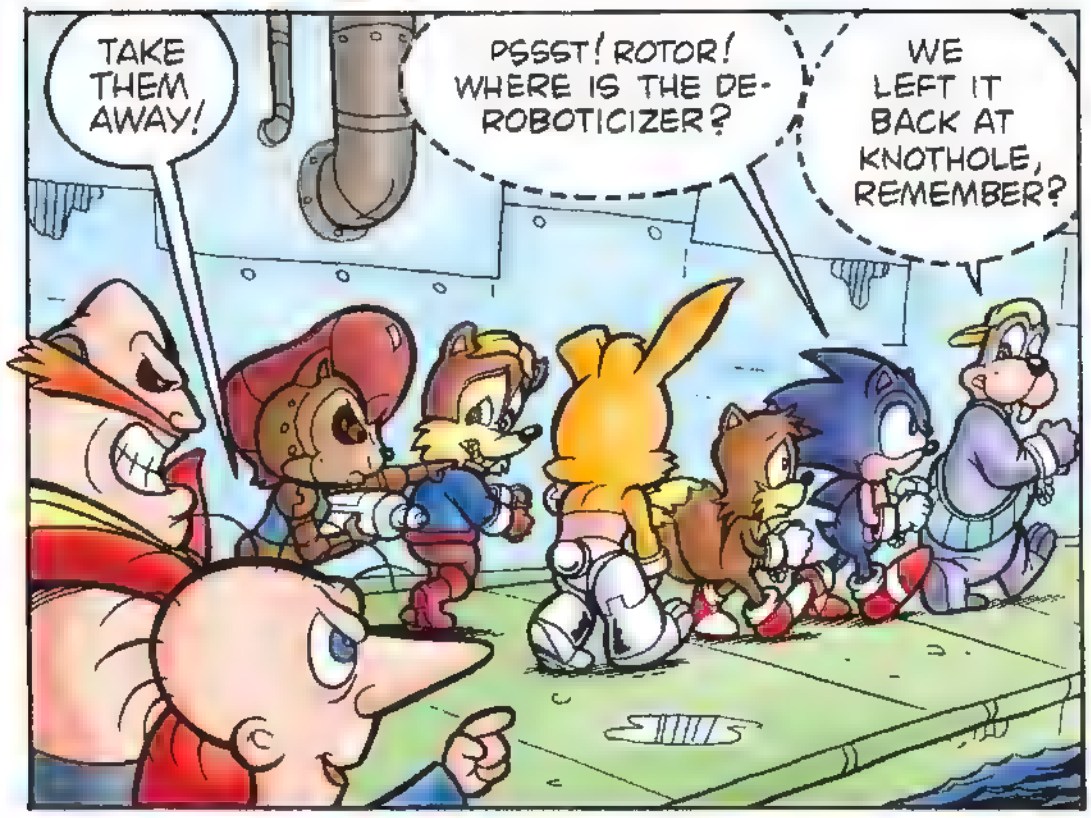
PART THREE

THERE! THE DEVICE YOU ATTEMPTED TO USE TO KEEP THE PRINCESS' MIND FREE IS CRUSHED--

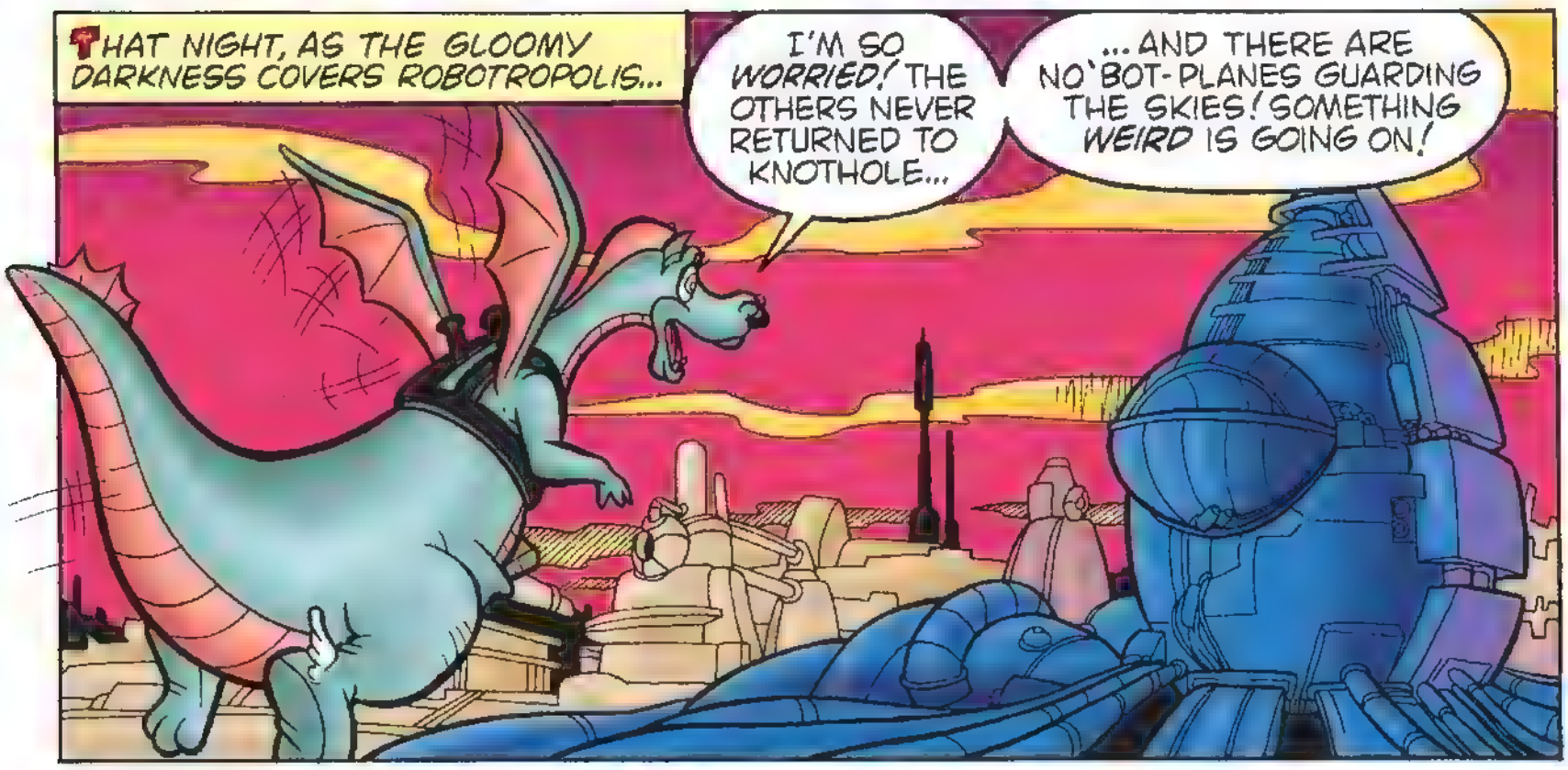
--AND SO IS YOUR REBELLION!

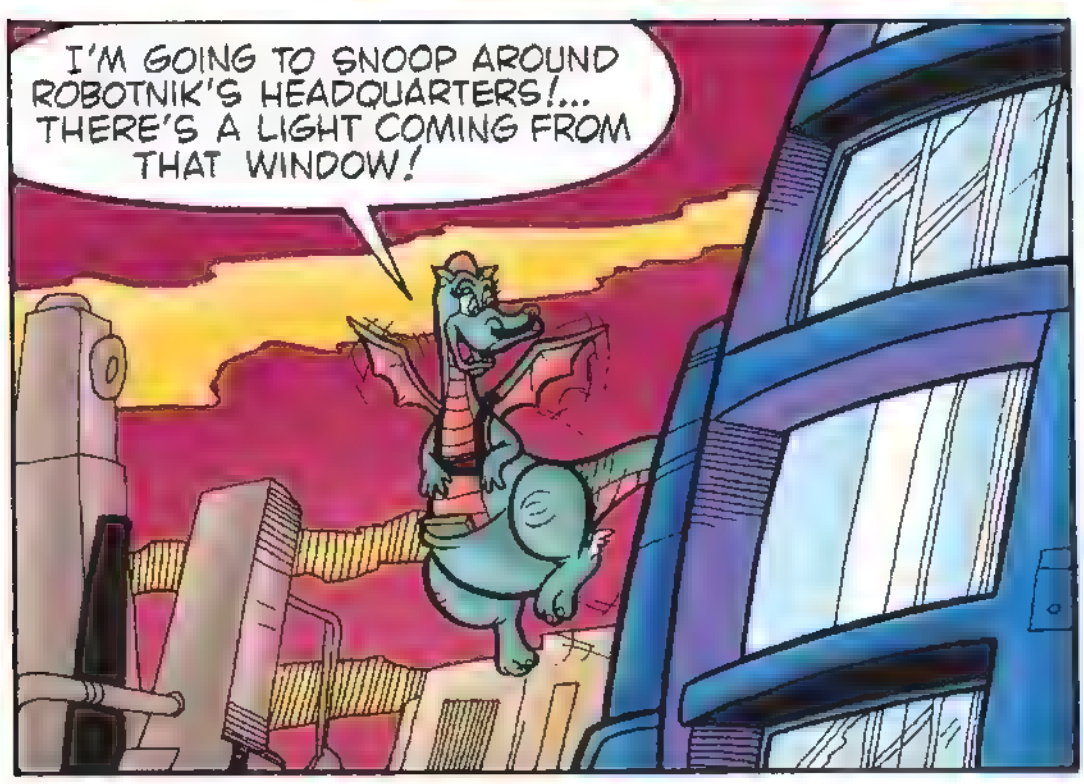
THE ONLY REASON WE HAVEN'T ROBOTICIZED THE LOT OF YOU IS THAT WE KNOW YOU HAVE ONE OF OUR DE-ROBOTICIZERS!

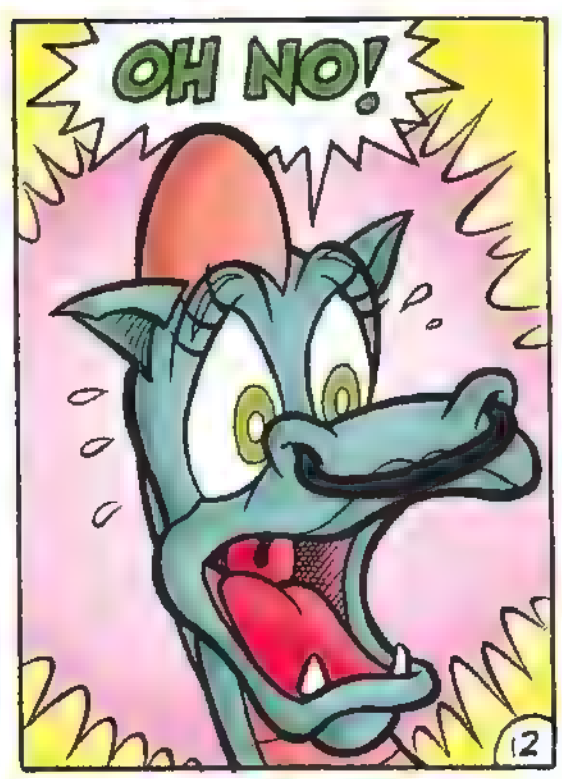
KRUNCH!


TAKE THEM AWAY!
PSSST! ROTOR! WHERE IS THE DE-ROBOTICIZER?
WE LEFT IT BACK AT KNOTHOLE, REMEMBER?

BACK AT KNOTHOLE...WITH DULCY!

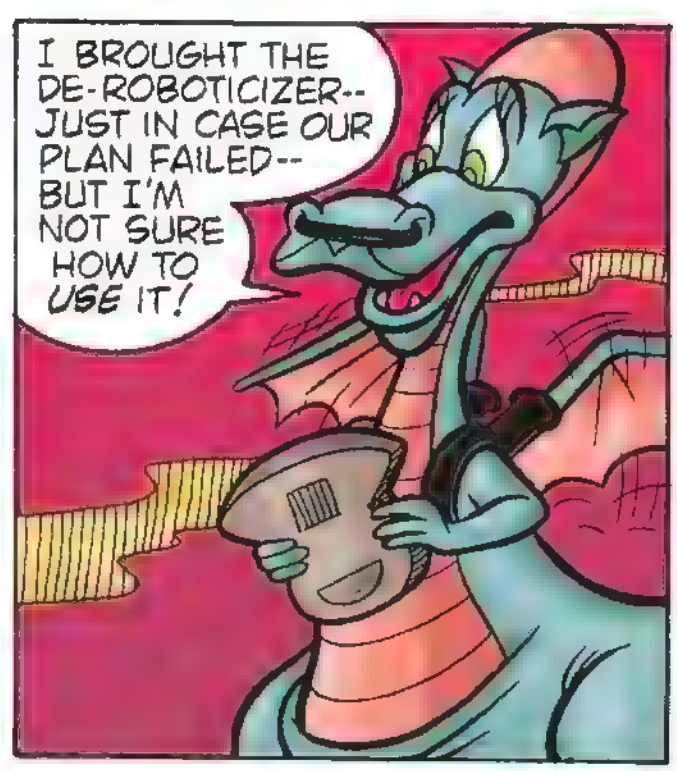

THAT NIGHT, AS THE GLOOMY DARKNESS COVERS ROBOTROPOLIS...
I'M SO WORRIED! THE OTHERS NEVER RETURNED TO KNOTHOLE...
...AND THERE ARE NO 'BOT-PLANES GUARDING THE SKIES! SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON!

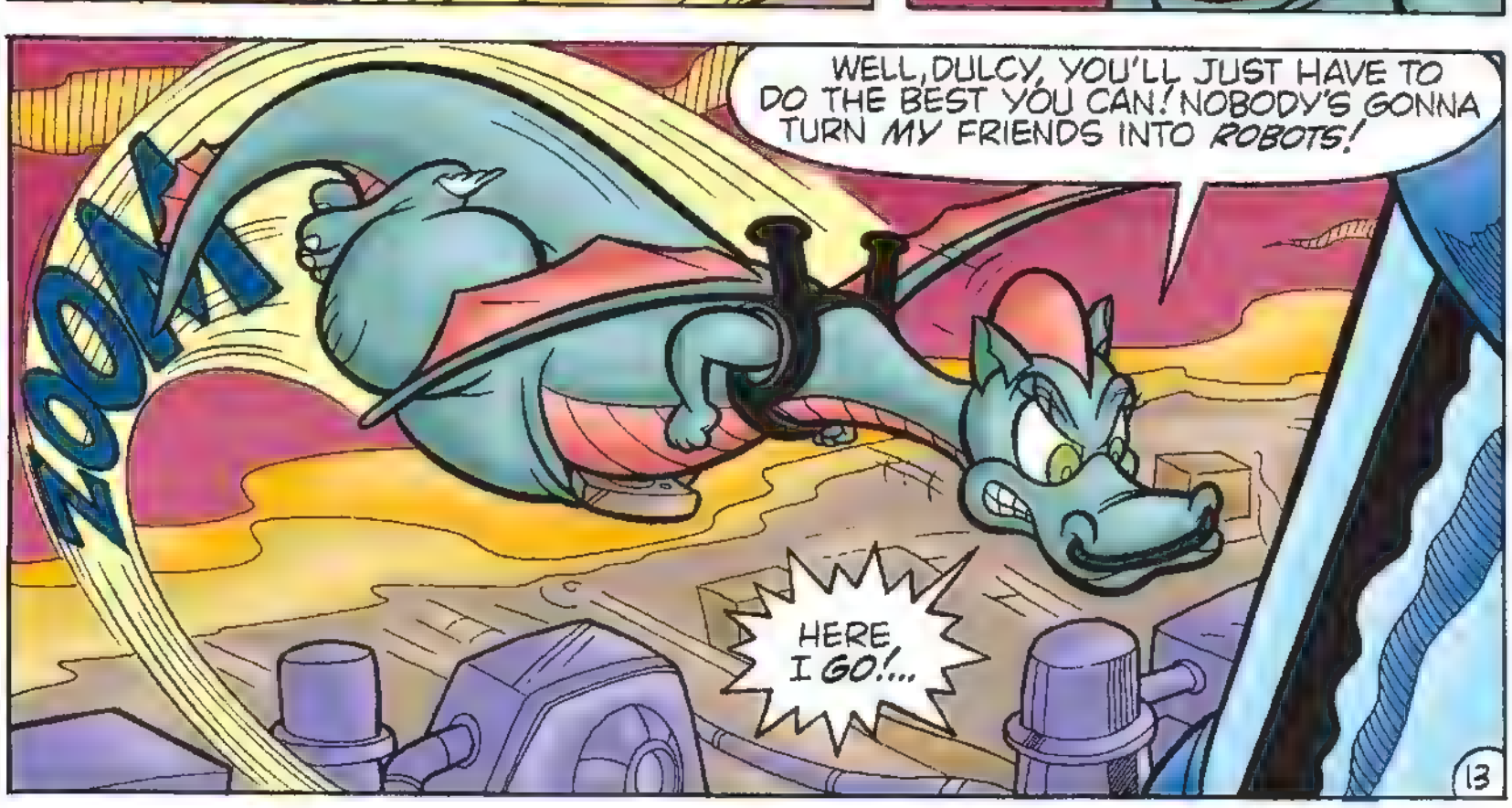

I'M GOING TO SNOOP AROUND ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS!... THERE'S A LIGHT COMING FROM THAT WINDOW!


OH NO!

I'VE DECIDED TO FORGET ABOUT THE DE-ROBOTICIZER! AFTER ALL, ONCE YOU'VE ALL BEEN ROBOTICIZED, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME!

THAT'S RIGHT! AND AS A SYMBOL OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S VICTORY...





KER-RASH!

WHAT?

IT'S DULCY!

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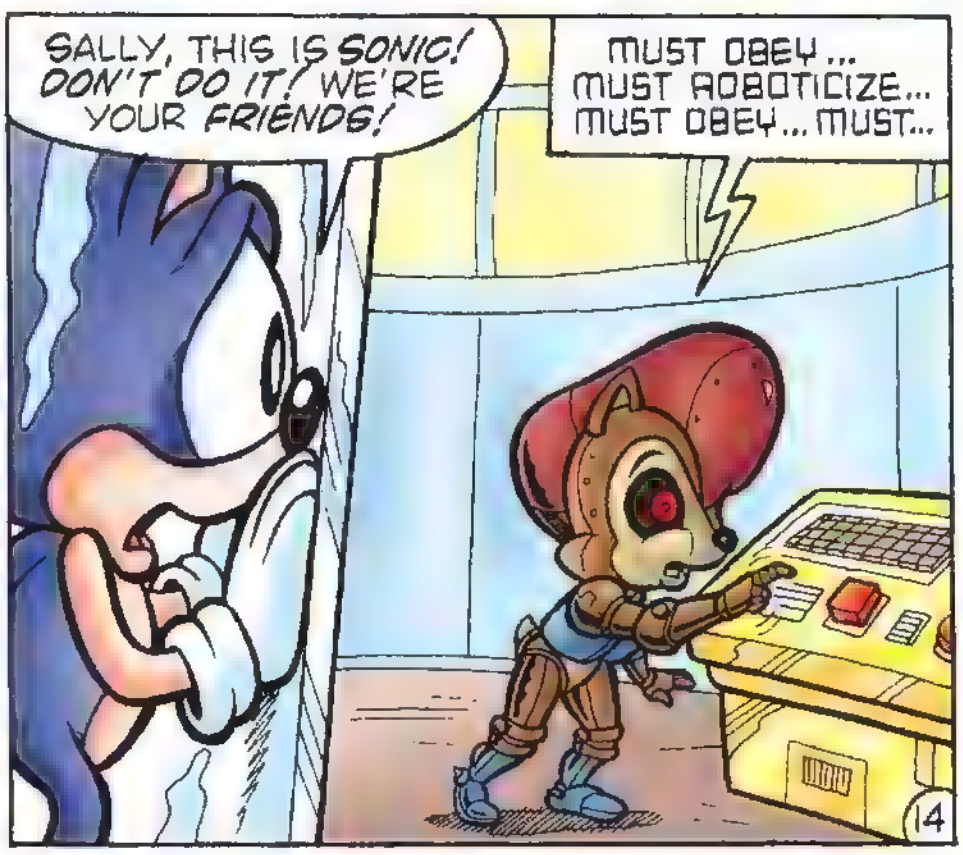
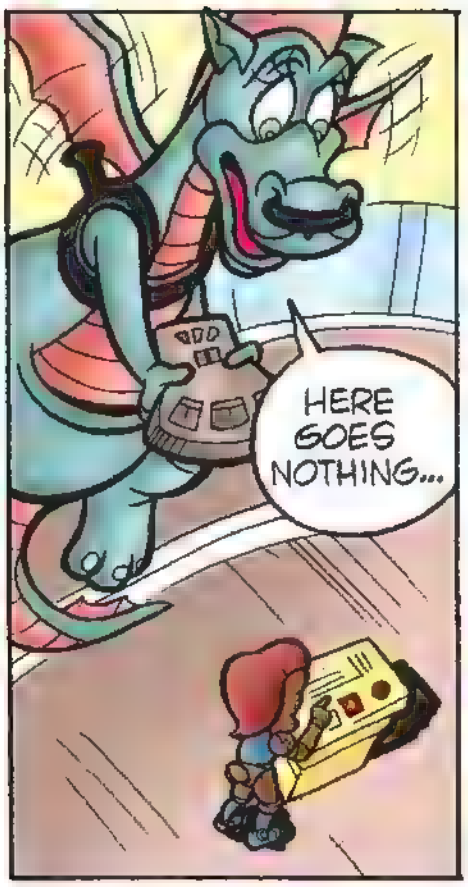




SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL, SIR!

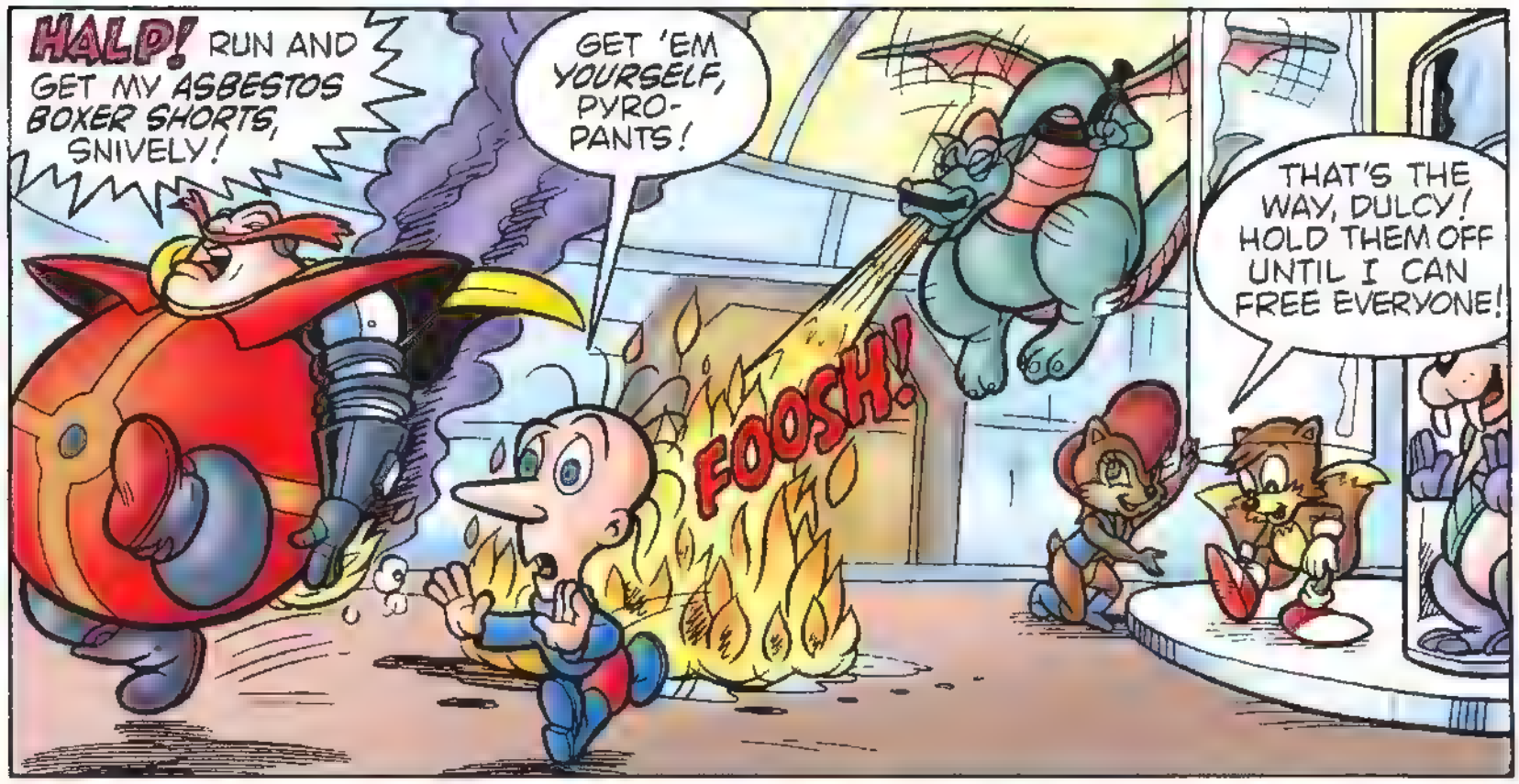
I'LL DO IT MYSELF! OUT OF THE WAY!

!

OH NO YOU WON'T!

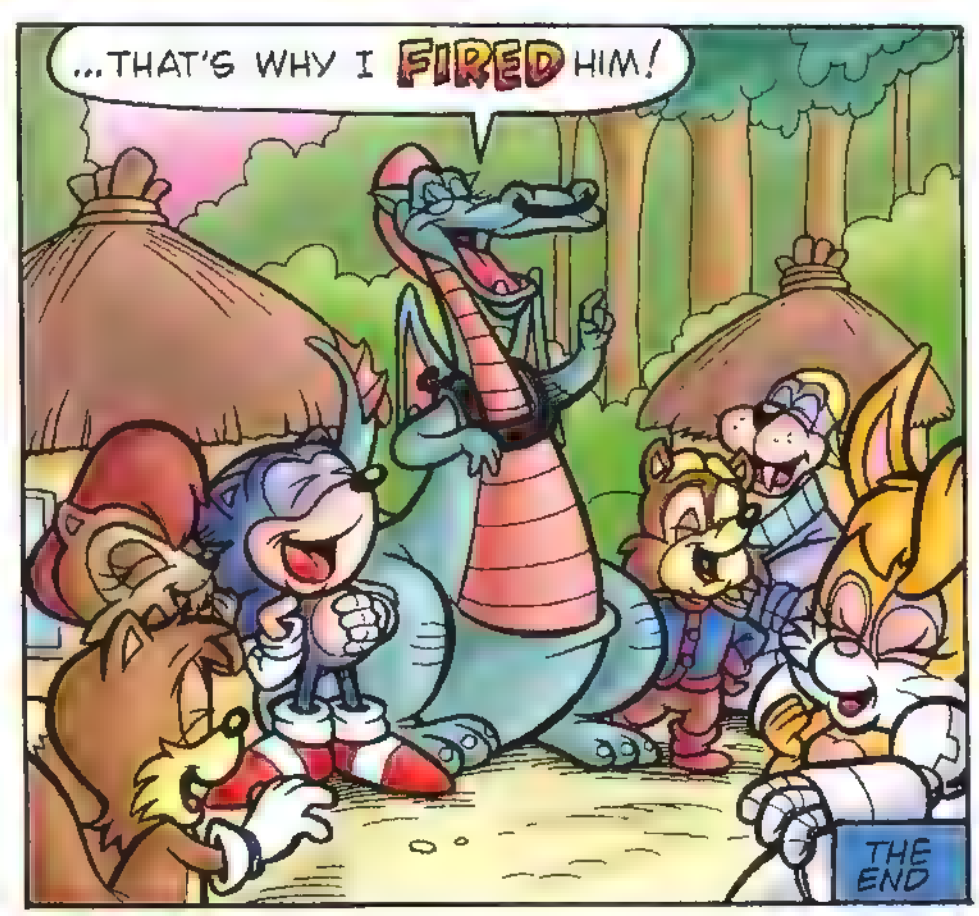
EEEYIIII!

RRROARR!


HALP! RUN AND GET MY ASBESTOS BOXER SHORTS, SNIVELY!
GET 'EM YOURSELF, PYRO-PANTS!
FOOSH!
THAT'S THE WAY, DULCY! HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL I CAN FREE EVERYONE!

BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
YOU WERE AWESOME, DULCY! ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY ARE PROBABLY STILL RUNNING!!
THANKS, SONIC!

SORRY I DIDN'T GET THE JOB DONE, GUYS!
HEY! WE'RE WAY PAST PROUD OF YOU FOR EVEN TRYIN', SAL!
BESIDES, IT WAS ROBOTNIK WHO DIDN'T GET THE JOB DONE!...


...THAT'S WHY I FIRED HIM!
THE END

TAILS™ IN GROWING PAINS!

Part 2 of 2

A RECAP OF EVENTS FROM SONIC #28:

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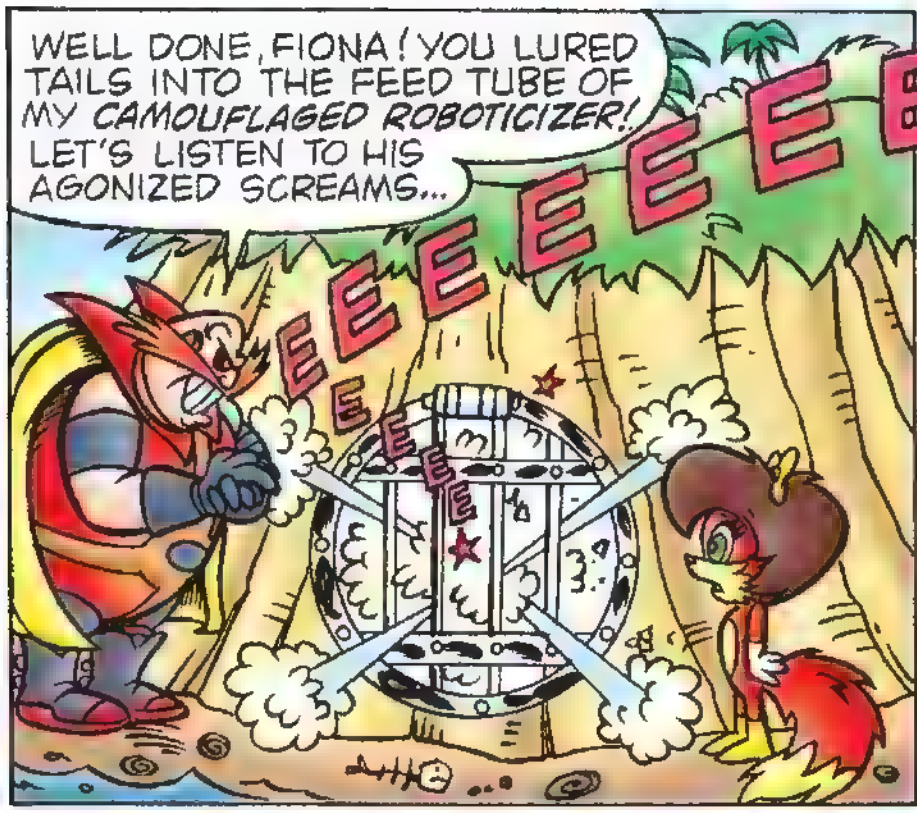
ANGERED BY THE JUVENILE TREATMENT HE WAS GETTING FROM HIS FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS, TAILS TOOK OFF ON HIS OWN ABOARD HIS SUB-MARINE, THE SEA FOX!

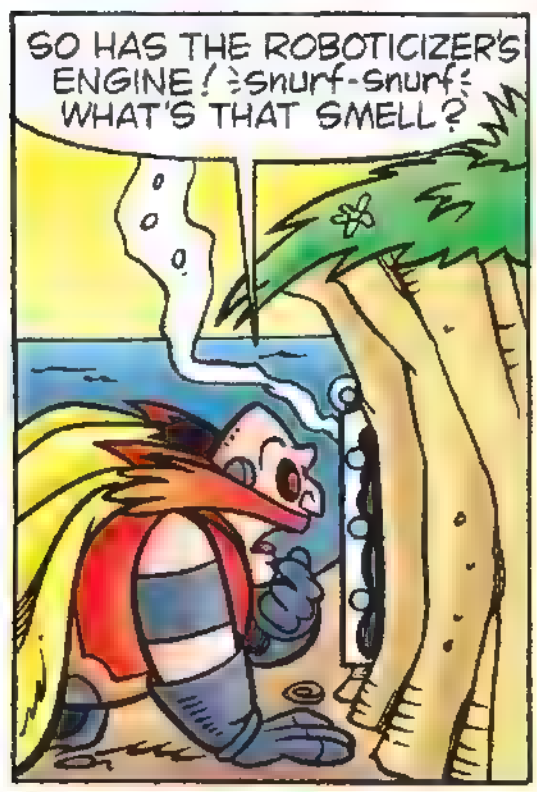
TAILS JOURNEYED TO AN UNEXPLORED ISLAND, WHERE HE RESCUED A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG FEMALE FOX NAMED FIONA! IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!

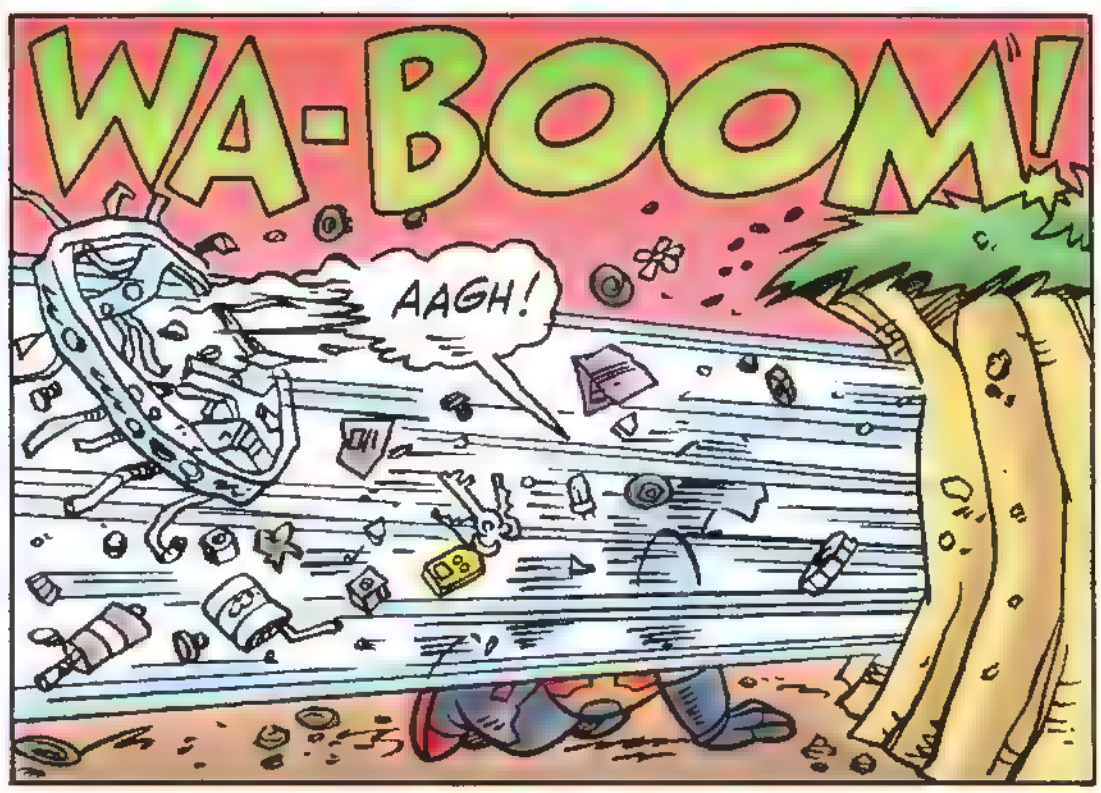
UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS ALSO A TRAP! FIONA WAS ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S AUTOMATONS--ROBOTS DESIGNED TO BE IN-DISTINGUISHABLE FROM LIVE ANIMALS...UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!

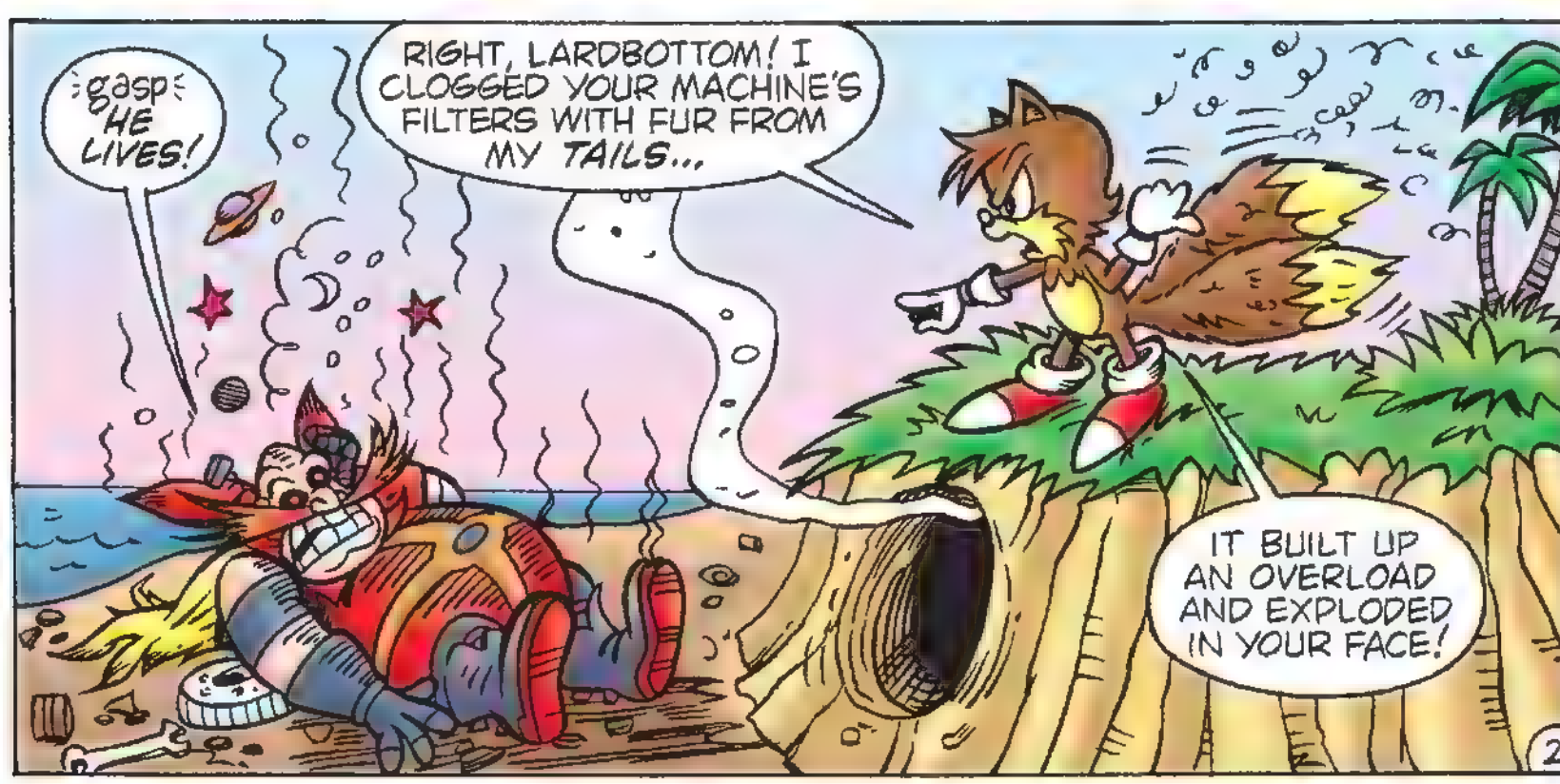
KTANG!


WELL DONE, FIONA! YOU LURED TAILS INTO THE FEED TUBE OF MY CAMOUFLAGED ROBOTICIZER! LET'S LISTEN TO HIS AGONIZED SCREAMS...
EEEEEEEEEE-- *

EH? WHAT'S THIS? THE SHRIEKS HAVE STOPPED!

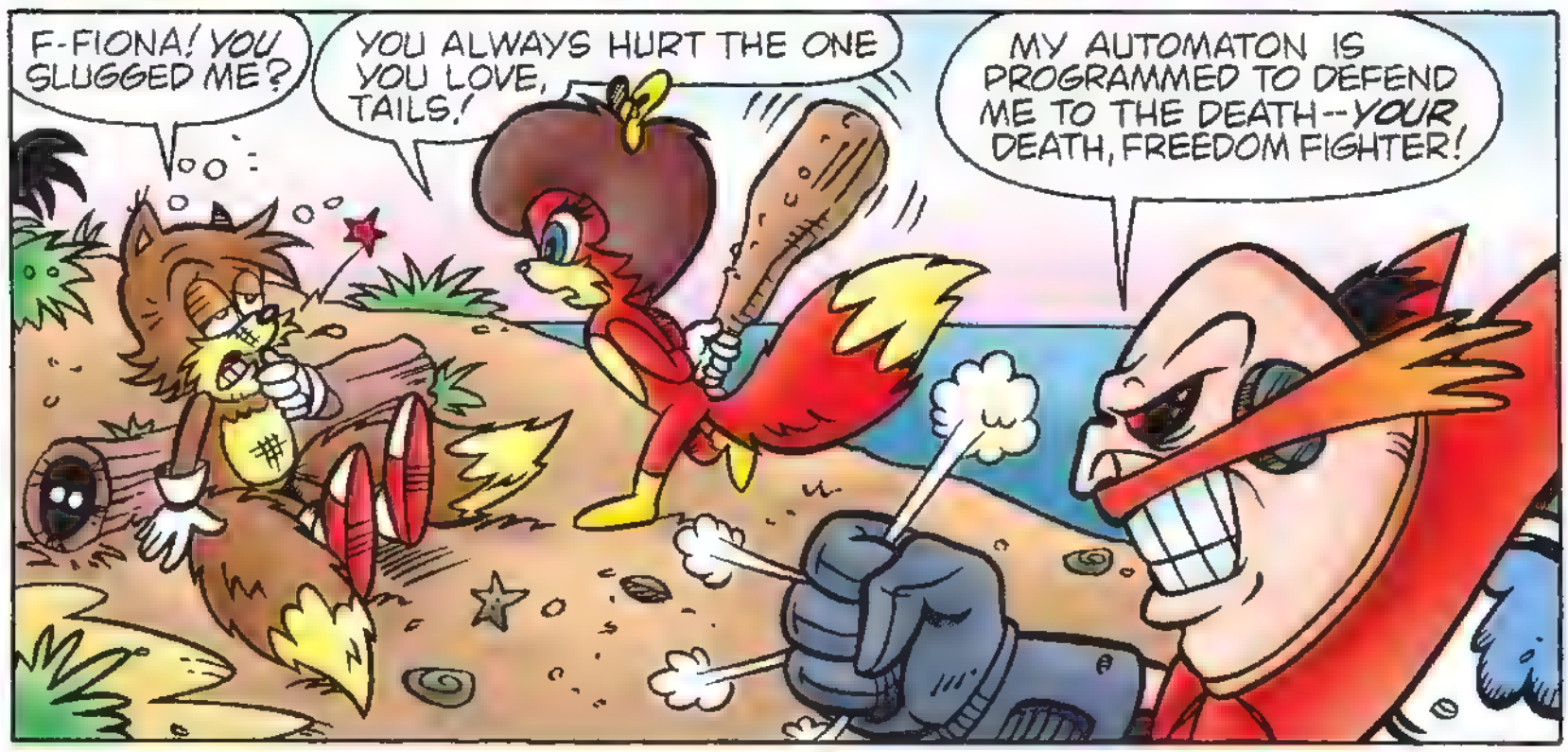

SO HAS THE ROBOTICIZER'S ENGINE! ⁝snurf-snurf⁝ WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

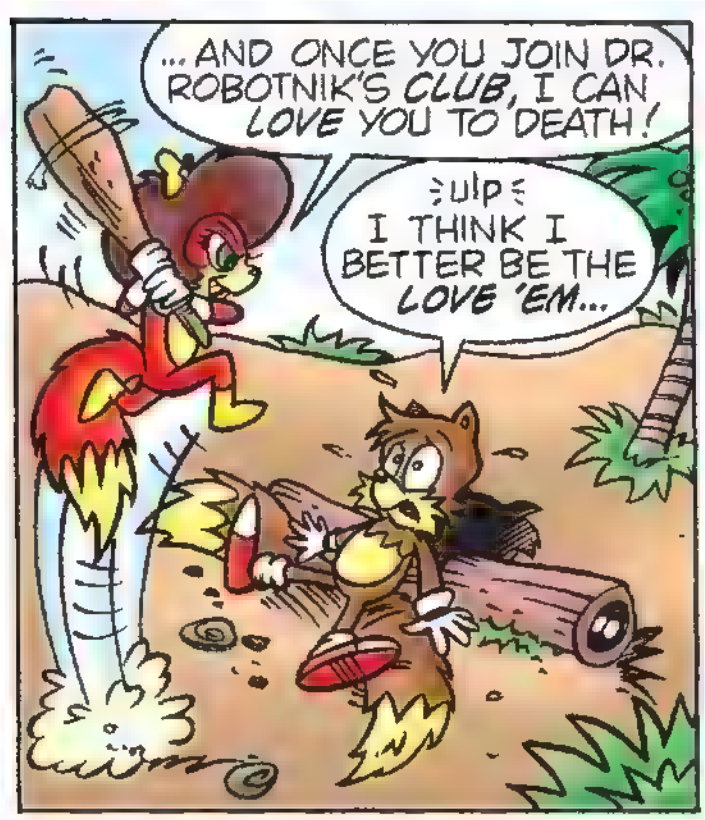

WA-BOOM!
AAGH!

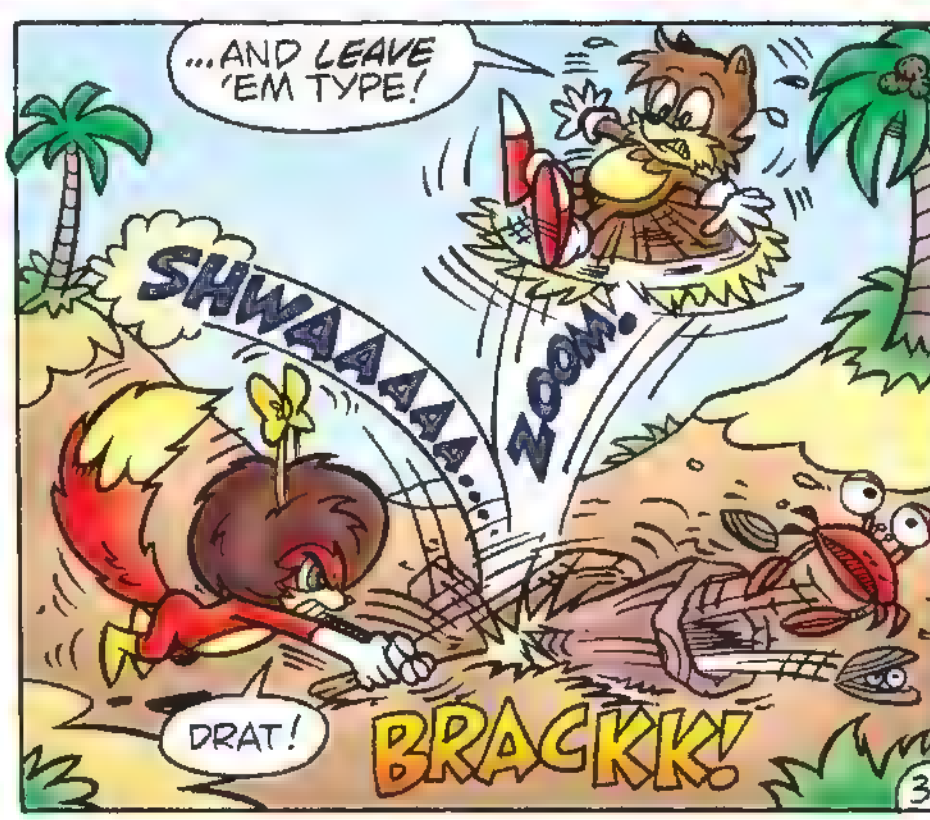

⁝gasp⁝ HE LIVES!
RIGHT, LARDBOTTOM! I CLOGGED YOUR MACHINE'S FILTERS WITH FUR FROM MY TAILS...
IT BUILT UP AN OVERLOAD AND EXPLODED IN YOUR FACE!

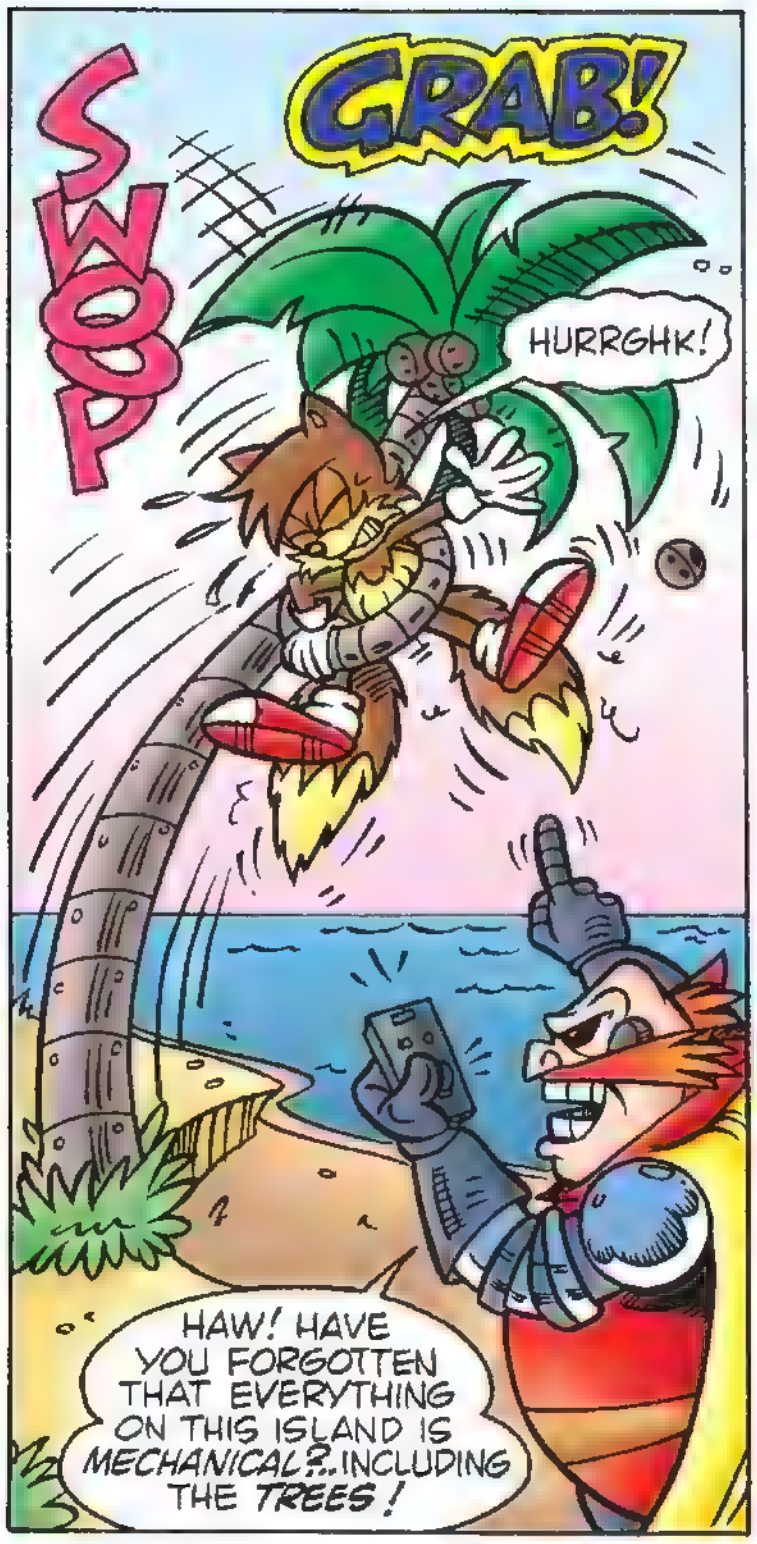
AND SPEAKING OF YOUR FACE, I THINK I'LL COLOR IT BLACK AND BLUE!
ULP!
ZING!

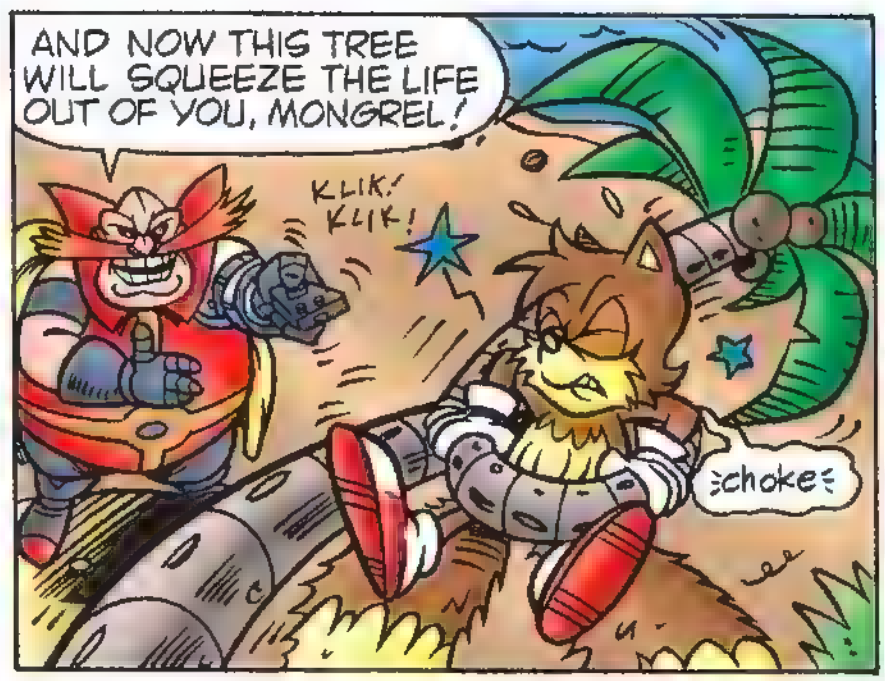
UNNGH!
NOT LIKELY!
SOCK!

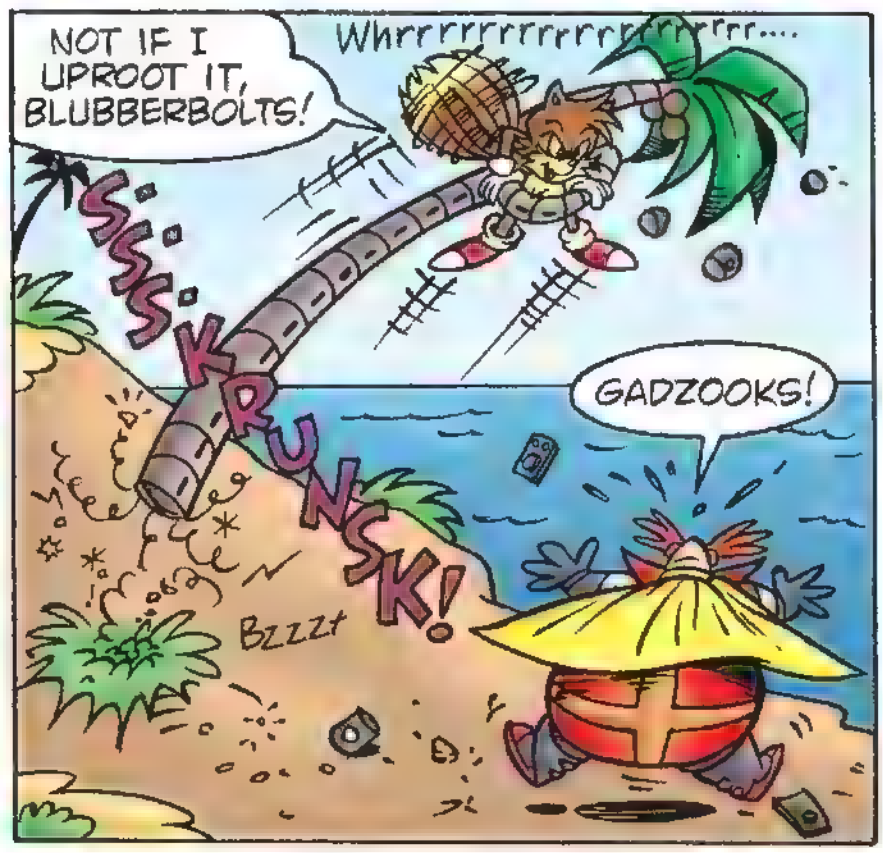

F-FIONA! YOU SLUGGED ME?
YOU ALWAYS HURT THE ONE YOU LOVE, TAILS!
MY AUTOMATON IS PROGRAMMED TO DEFEND ME TO THE DEATH--YOUR DEATH, FREEDOM FIGHTER!

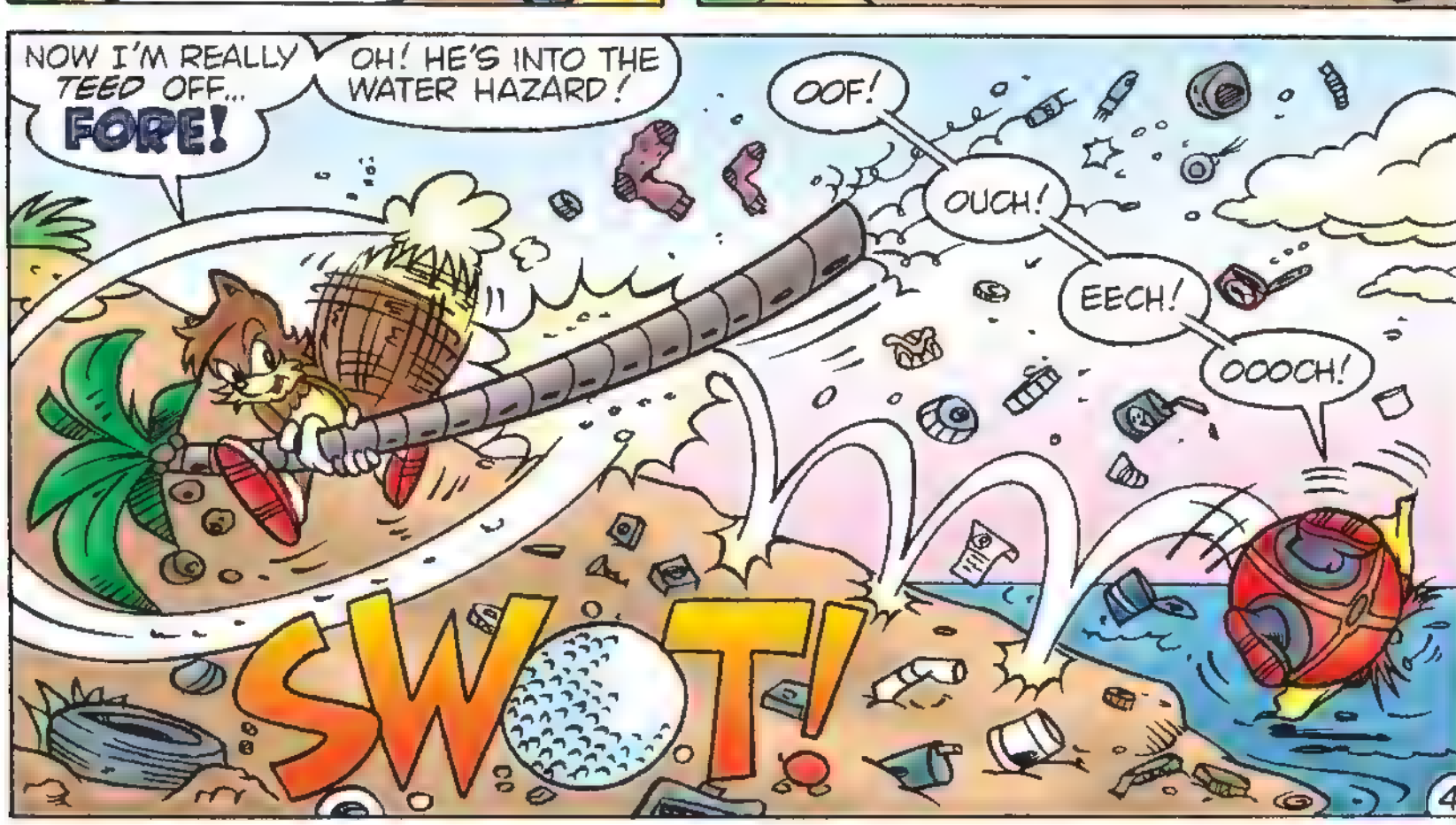

...AND ONCE YOU JOIN DR. ROBOTNIK'S CLUB, I CAN LOVE YOU TO DEATH!
ulp
I THINK I BETTER BE THE LOVE 'EM...

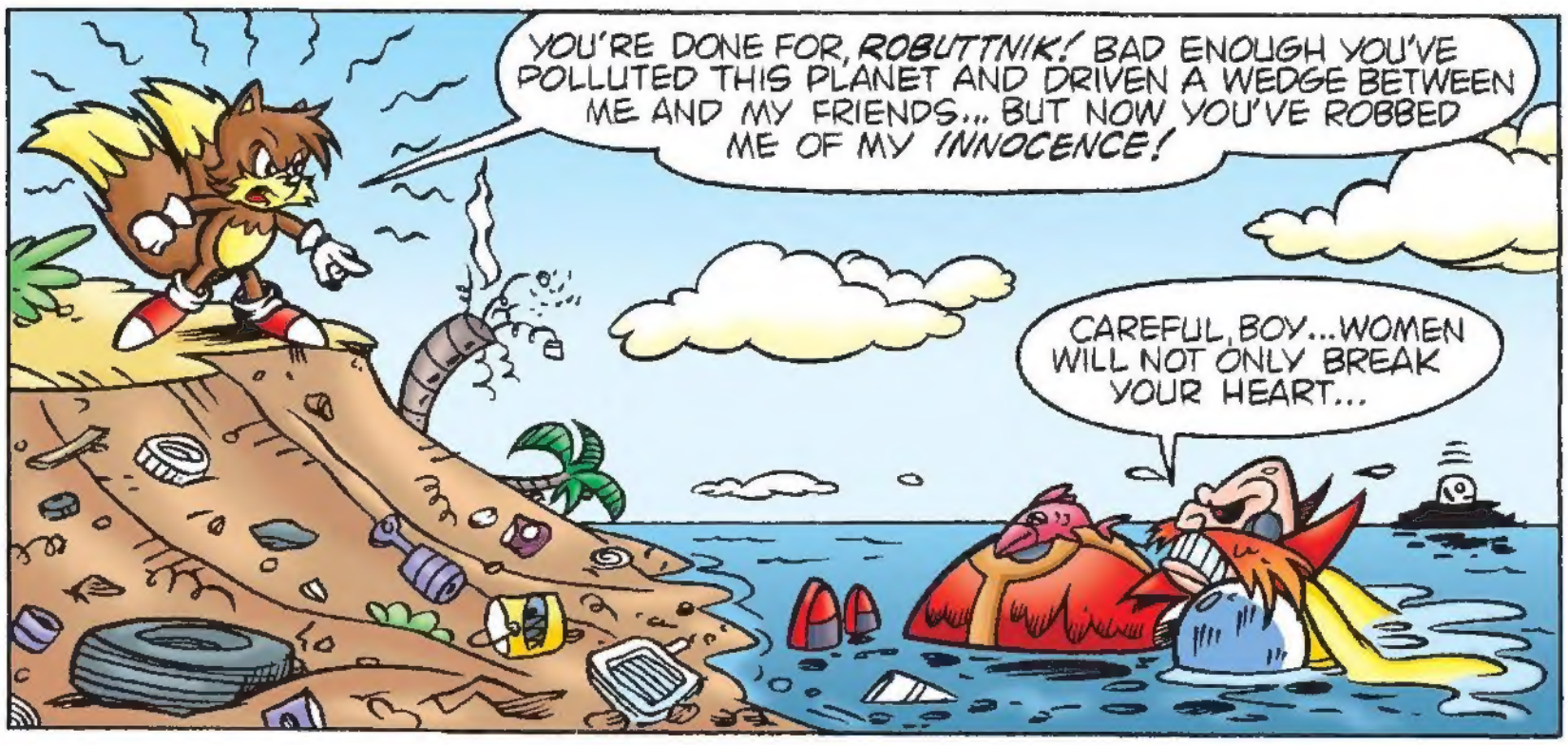

...AND LEAVE 'EM TYPE!
SHWAAAAAA...
ZOOM!
DRAT!
BRACKK!


SWOOP
GRAB!
HURRGHK!
HAW! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT EVERYTHING ON THIS ISLAND IS MECHANICAL?..INCLUDING THE TREES!


AND NOW THIS TREE WILL SQUEEZE THE LIFE OUT OF YOU, MONGREL!
KLIK! KLIK!
:choke:


NOT IF I UPROOT IT, BLUBBERBOLTS!
Whrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr....
SSS-KRUNCK!
GADZOOKS!
BZZZT

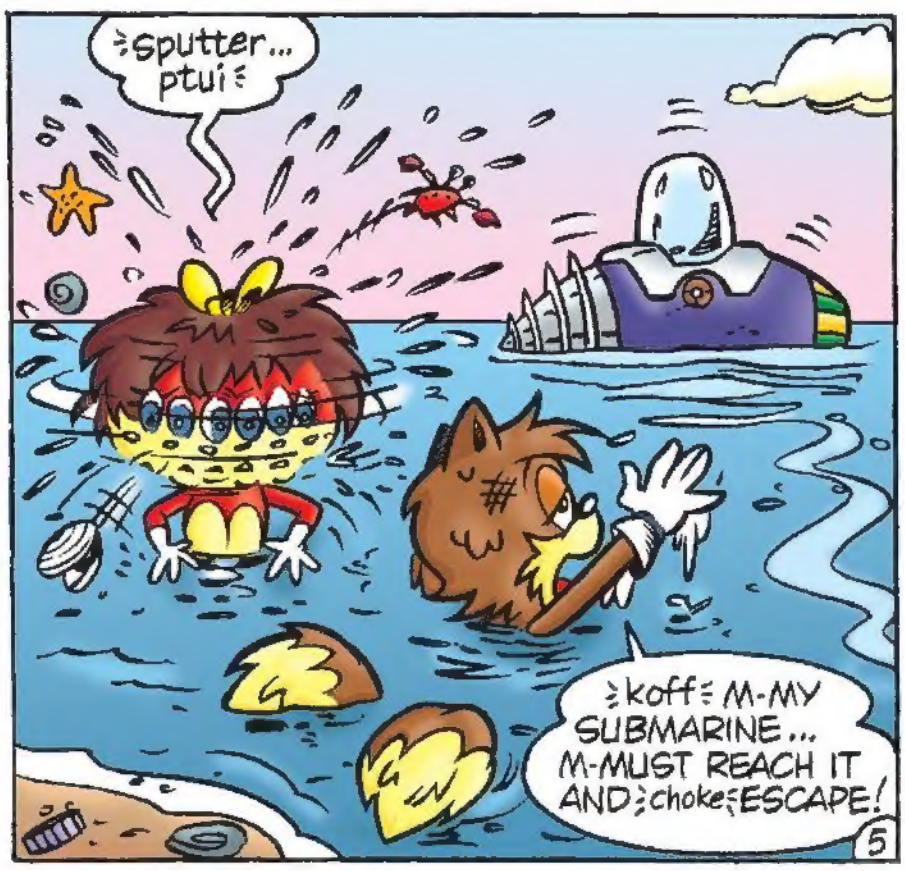

NOW I'M REALLY TEED OFF... FORE!
OH! HE'S INTO THE WATER HAZARD!
OOF!
OUCH!
EECH!
OOOCH!
SWOT!


YOU'RE DONE FOR, ROBUTTNIK! BAD ENOUGH YOU'VE POLLUTED THIS PLANET AND DRIVEN A WEDGE BETWEEN ME AND MY FRIENDS... BUT NOW YOU'VE ROBBED ME OF MY INNOCENCE!
CAREFUL, BOY...WOMEN WILL NOT ONLY BREAK YOUR HEART...

"...BUT YOUR BACK AS WELL!"
WHAM!
UMMF!

THERE'S NO HOPE FOR YOU THIS TIME, FREEDOM FIGHTER!
FIONA--STOP! I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO FIGHT YOU!
snicker

YOUR EMOTIONS SHALL BE YOUR UNDOING, TAILS! FINISH HIM OFF, AUTOMATON! I'M OUTTA HERE!
YES, MAS- glub
SPLOOSH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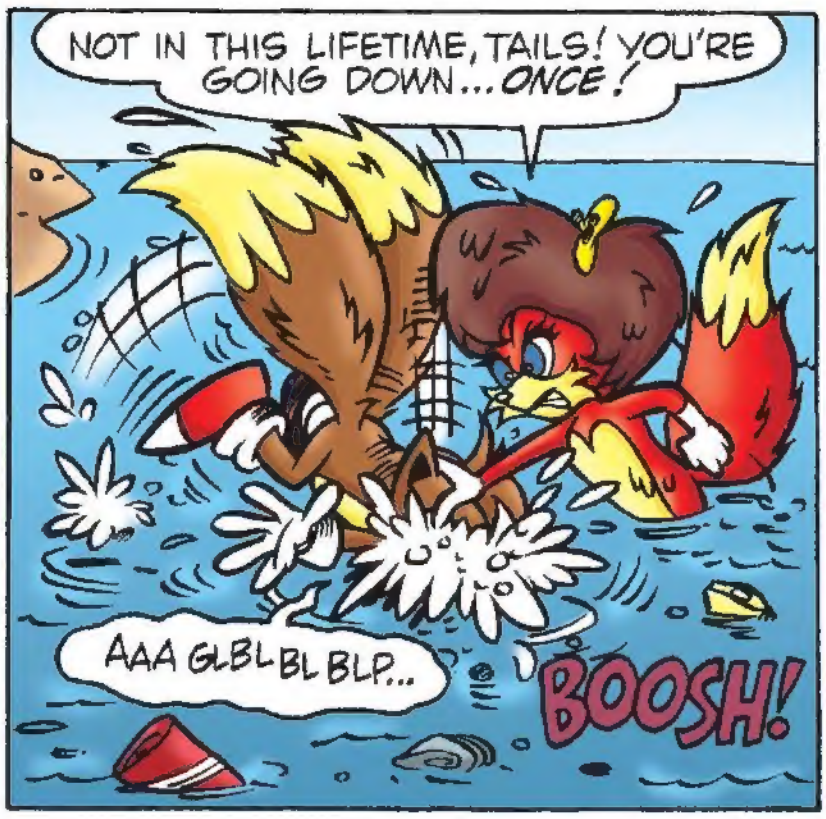
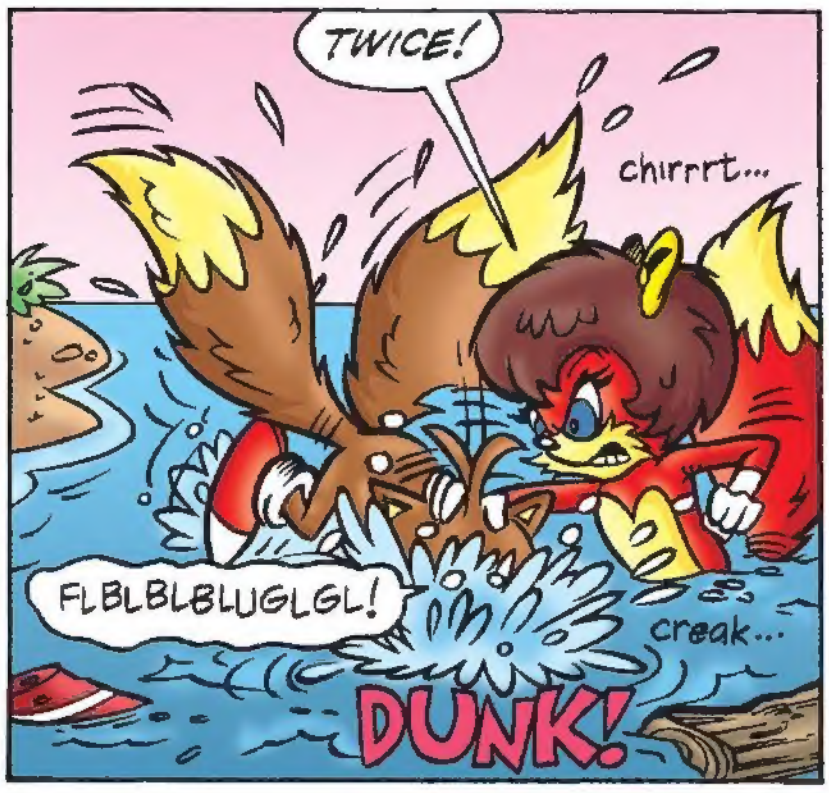
koff M-MY SUBMARINE... M-MUST REACH IT AND choke ESCAPE!


NOT IN THIS LIFETIME, TAILS! YOU'RE GOING DOWN... ONCE!
AAA GLBL BL BLP...
BOOSH!

:gurgle-koff: FUH-FIONA... DON'T DO THIS... REMEMBER OUR MOONLIT WALKS... HOLDING HANDS...


TWICE!
chirrrt...
FLBLBLBLUGLGL!
creak...
DUNK!

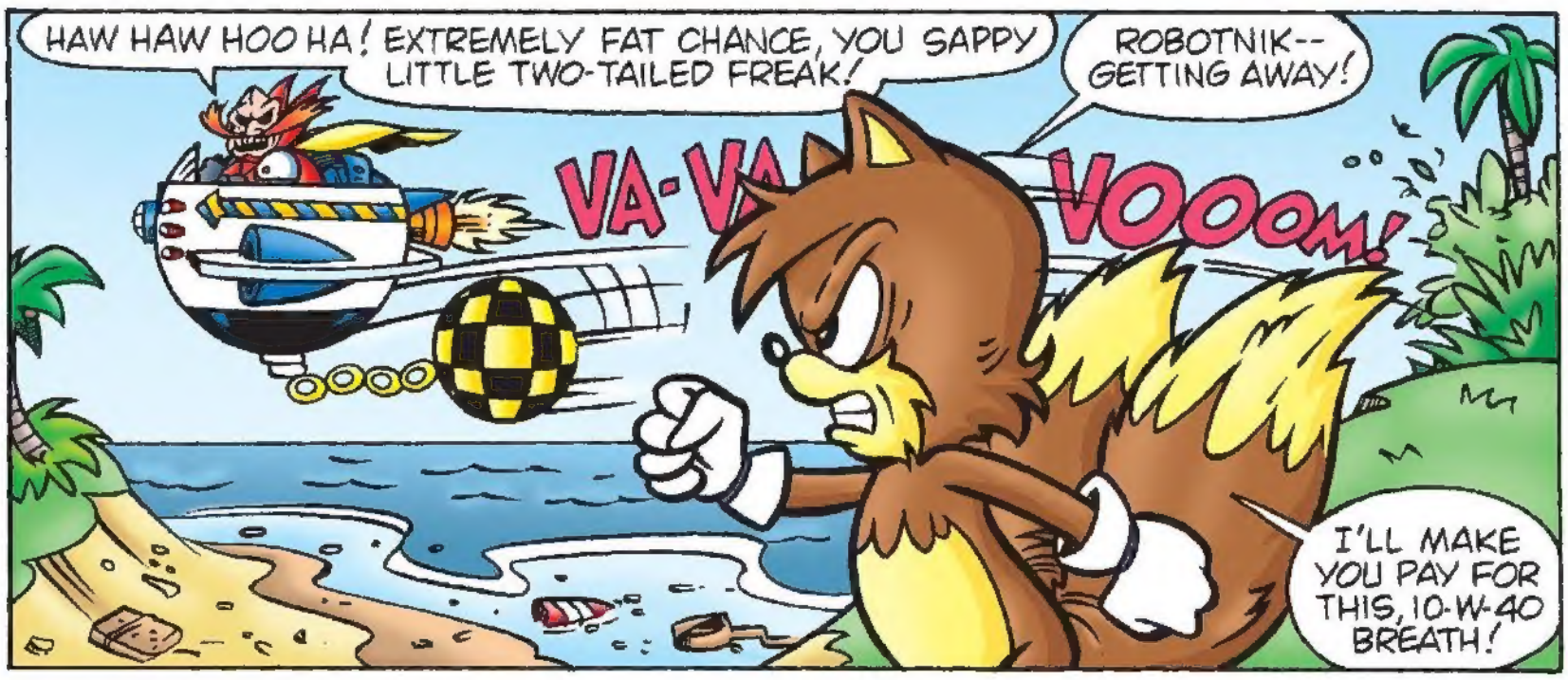
:ulp: ONCE MORE AND I'LL D-DROWN... :choke: PUH-PLEASE, FIONA... I LUH-L-LOVE...
ork...
wheee
squee...

TH-TH-THR... EEEEEEEEEEEEEE
?
SQUEAK!..

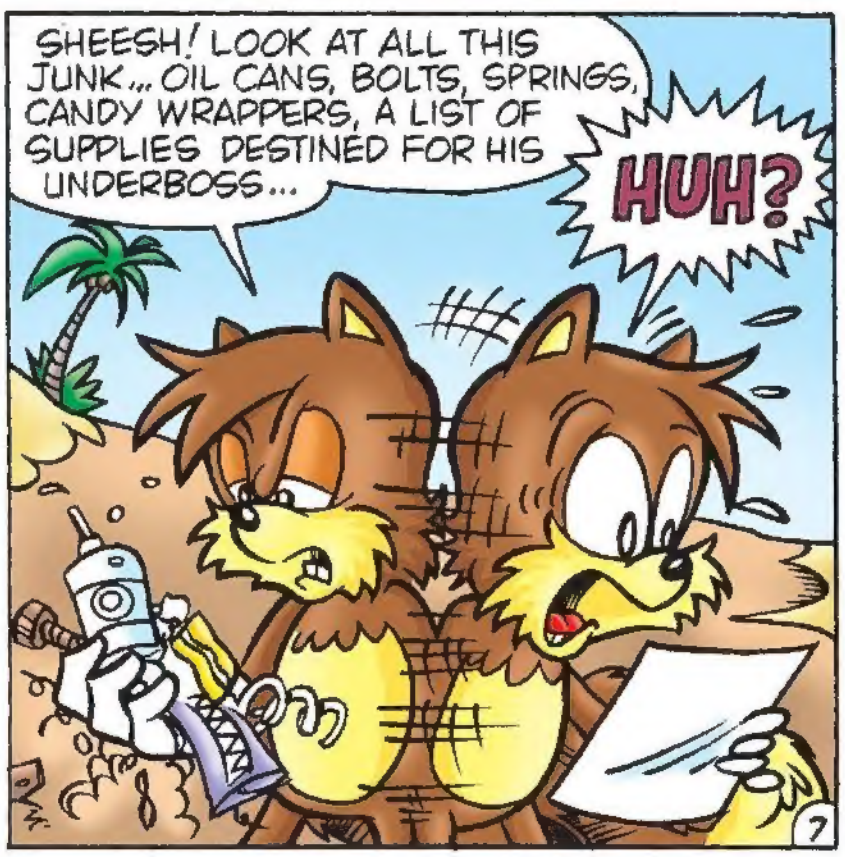
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T DO IT! YOU LOVE ME, TOO... F-FIONA? OH MY GOSH--SHE'S RUSTED!

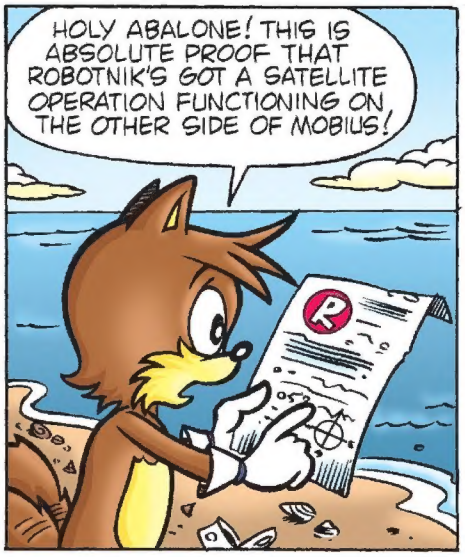
:BOO HOO HOOO!: ROBOTNIK CREATED THE PERFECT WOMAN, BUT FORGOT TO WATERPROOF HER! :sob: OH, WHAT A CRUEL WORLD! :sniffle:

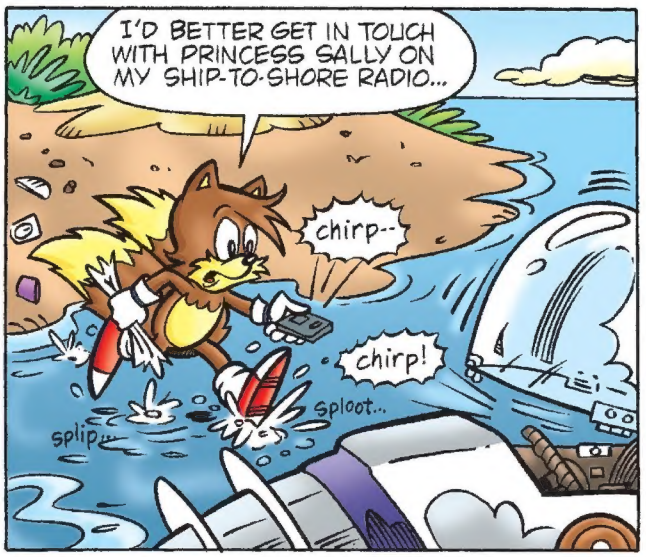
I'LL PUT YOU HERE AS A MONUMENT TO MY LOST YOUTH... BUT I'LL MAKE HIM REPAIR YOU, AND WE'LL BE TO-GETHER AGAIN, MY LOVE!


HAW HAW HOO HA! EXTREMELY FAT CHANCE, YOU SAPPY LITTLE TWO-TAILED FREAK!
ROBOTNIK-- GETTING AWAY!
VA-VA
VOOOM!
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THIS, 10-W-40 BREATH!

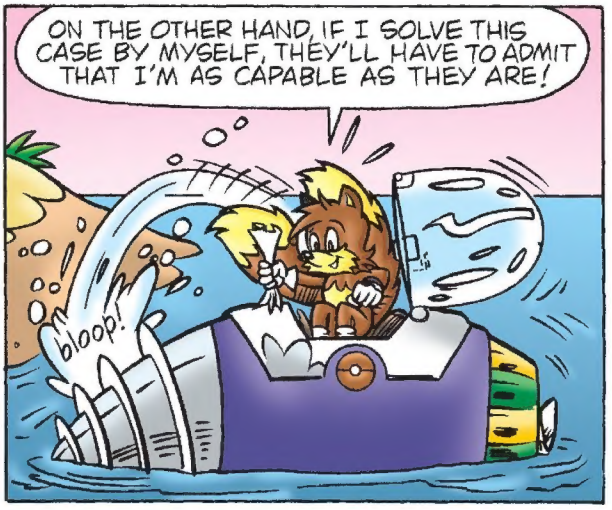
BUT FIRST I'D BETTER PICK UP ALL THE LITTER HE DROPPED BEFORE IT BLOWS INTO THE OCEAN!

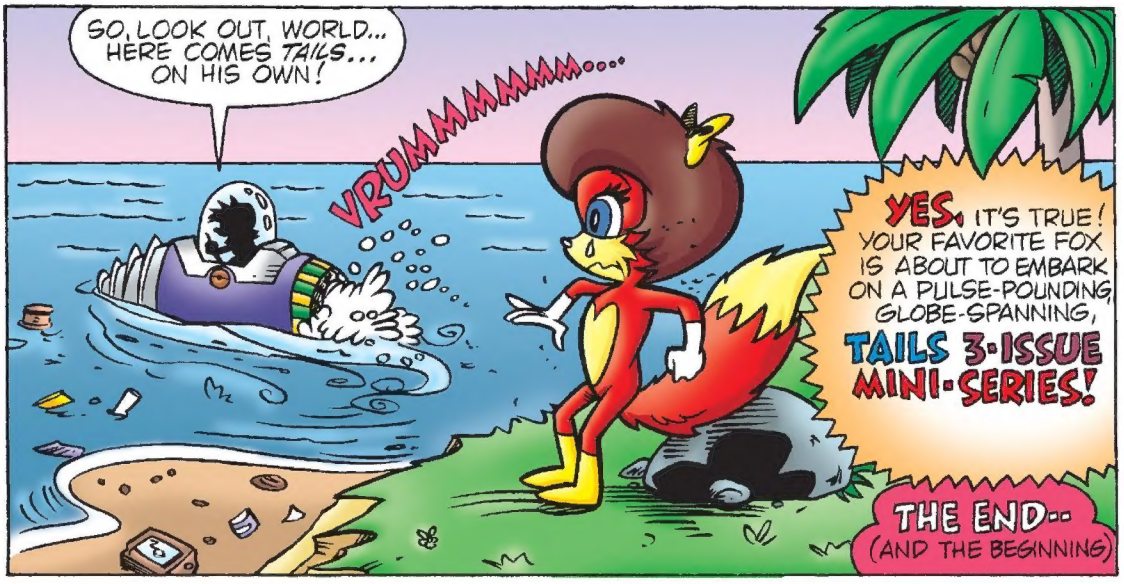

SHEESH! LOOK AT ALL THIS JUNK... OIL CANS, BOLTS, SPRINGS, CANDY WRAPPERS, A LIST OF SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR HIS UNDERBOSS...
HUH?


HOLY ABALONE! THIS IS ABSOLUTE PROOF THAT ROBOTNIK'S GOT A SATELLITE OPERATION FUNCTIONING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MOBIUS!


I'D BETTER GET IN TOUCH WITH PRINCESS SALLY ON MY SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO...
chirp--
chirp!
splip
sploot...

WAIT A MINUTE! IF I TELL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ABOUT THIS, THEY'LL TAKE OVER THE MISSION AND LEAVE ME BEHIND AGAIN!


ON THE OTHER HAND, IF I SOLVE THIS CASE BY MYSELF, THEY'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I'M AS CAPABLE AS THEY ARE!
bloop!


SO, LOOK OUT, WORLD... HERE COMES *TAILS*... ON HIS OWN!
VRUMMMMMMM...
YES, IT'S TRUE! YOUR FAVORITE FOX IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A PULSE-POUNDING, GLOBE-SPANNING, TAILS 3-ISSUE MINI-SERIES!
THE END-- (AND THE BEGINNING)